

REPORT ON MY ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

1. What is your name and which program did you attend?

My name is Noemi Sfregola. I attended the master exchange program and I picked 4 courses. During the first period I attended master courses, namely ECB AND MONETARY POLICY, and ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS. During the second period I attended two bachelor courses, PUBLIC ECONOMICS and JOB PERFORMANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP.

2. Where and when did you go during your Erasmus program?

I spent abroad the fall semester of the second year of Master, from last week of August to Christmas. My host University was Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics.

3. How did you like living there?

I enjoyed my life there. I used to live in the main dormitory, in the M building. I would say that dormitory is the best place to live for what concerns social life and entertainment. It was also surprisingly possible to study there.

4. What about *the University*?

Generally speaking, the University was tough. But I would also say that it depends on your attitude, how many courses and what kind of courses you want to attend further.

First of all, it is compulsory to attend the courses in order to do the exam and participation is always required and graded (which is actually a great advantage for boosting your final mark).

Second, before the course starts, the course coordinator publishes a document called course manual, where among other informations they include the schedule of the lectures and tutorial with all the material that you are supposed to read session by session.

Some courses can be demanding, and the course outline published on the list of courses might not match the course content.

The tutorial sessions are organized by a tutor, normally a PhD student, who grades your participation and additional work (paper, presentations, etc.)

The exam sessions are scheduled every 7 weeks and exams last 3 hours. The week (from Monday to Friday) after the end of the courses is for exams. And exams might be scheduled in the same day. In some exams they might ask you things that you have never seen during the course.

Beside all these issues, I personally think that it is not difficult to pass and even to get a decent mark, and almost every time the grade of the written exam is only a percentage of the final mark. So, at the end of the day, if you can organize your work and if you are familiar with studying in English, then it would be perfectly fine.

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5. What is the level of the courses? Did you find similarities to those in Tor Vergata?

The level of the courses was advanced, but doable. I also think that master courses are generally less demanding than bachelor courses. The level was quite similar to Tor Vergata.

6. Is there any particular advice that you would like to give to another student who will go there in the future?

I would recommend to pick master courses, if you are master students.

7. Do you wish to be contacted for further information by interested students?

Yes, no problem.

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