

REPORT ON MY ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

1. What is your name?

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

I spent my last semester of master program in Braga, Portugal, from February 2024 to June 2024.

3. How did you like living there?

I really enjoyed my time there. Braga is a beautiful place to spend a semester in, it's a city with many historical spots, full of traditions and typical festivities. It's not too big so you don't feel lost in it and it's very easy to walk through it. The academic part of the city is full of bars and clubs where you can meet a lot of different people and spend time together.

4. What about *the University*?

The university is of course in the academic part of the city, that is also the part where most of the students live. It's a big campus with many buildings for the different faculties and it's well linked to the city centre. It also offers a huge gym with lower prices for students and libraries where you can focus on your studies.

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

The level of the courses is quite similar to those at Tor Vergata. They are all taught in frontal lessons and professors require a lot of personal studies during the semester. You're asked to deliver weekly assignments and a final assignment that will be part of the final grade with the written test. All the assignments are held in a team so you have to learn how to collaborate with different students from different countries.

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

I'd recommend starting to look for a house early since there are a lot of people each semester coming and going in Braga. A house in the right place can change a lot in your time there. Also think wisely about this decision since if you're planning to go there during the last semester in Tor Vergata and you're planning to graduate in July, it's quite impossible you can get all the documentation from Braga respecting the Italian deadlines. You'll likely need to postpone the graduation in October but the decision to leave for an Erasmus is totally worth it.

7. Would you mind being contacted for further information by interested students?

I'd be very happy to help students that are thinking about Braga as the destination for their Erasmus.