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Clinical Dietetics, III year, academic year 2021/2022



Marmara University, Turkey

E+: General information about the Host University, the organization of the academic year, the offer for students coming under the Erasmus+ Program and is it possible to "receive" Buddy?

A: Good organization of the university, all information about the course of classes, events and welcome day at the university was sent by e-mail. Any questions could be reported to the I&O department, which they tried to answer and help. There was an ESN organization that was very involved in joint integration, the best time spent and adaptation at the new university. Each incoming student received a tutor, the so-called Buddy, who had the task of helping with the organization of the student in the new country.



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

A: Turkish/English

E+: In the case of classes conducted in the national language, was it possible to take exams in English?

A: Yes.

E+: During the application process, did the University ask for a language certificate confirming the knowledge of the language of instruction? If so, what level was required?

A: They were asked to confirm their knowledge of the English language at a communicative level.



E+: Curriculum (were there major curricular differences? Did the syllabus more or less overlap with that in SUM? Was it difficult to match the subjects and create a Learning Agreement?):

A: There were program differences, but the program mostly coincided with that in SUM. LA wasn't hard to put together, but there were about 4-5 non-overlapping items to complete during/after return.



E+: Accommodation (does the Host University have dormitories? If so, how far were they from the places where the classes were conducted? Was it difficult to get a place in the dorm?):

A: The university does not have dormitories. I had to take care of my accommodation on my own.

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E+: How was public transport like?

A: There were no problems with transportation. You could use minibuses, buses, metro, taxi, ferry that went everywhere.



E+: Food (was there a canteen for students? Discounts on meals?):

A: There was a canteen which could be used with a student ID.



E+: Difficulties encountered and tips on how to deal with them:

A: Facebook pages can help you find accommodation. If you are staying for the whole academic year, it is worth taking a second phone (older, used), because after about 6 months, the phone that is not Turkish is blocked and the sim card must be moved to another phone to make calls and use the Internet outside home.



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E+: Useful information/contacts to help organize mobility?

A: Upon arrival, it is best to calmly unpack and get to know the area. It is better to buy a phone sim card from Vodafone than from Turkcell because of the price and benefits. You can buy a transport card in a yellow vending machine at every ferry and subway station. It is worth asking Buddy and the university for all important information. With Euro26 insurance, you do not need to buy Turkish insurance for a resident permit. It is worth signing up for dance classes with Dance Marmara.



E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :

A: Park in Moda next to Kadikoy, by the water. Camlica Radio Tower. Park in Besiktas on the European side. Princely Islands easily accessible by ferry. Sile where the beach is located. Water park in Maltepe. Taksim and Eminonu on the European side (including the Grand Bazaar and the Blue Mosque).

E+: Overall mobility experience and advantages of participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:

A: It was one of the best times I've experienced so far in my life. I got rid of the blockade of speaking English, got to know another culture and language, as well as a lot of friends from different countries. I feel more confident and stronger.



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