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Medicine, V year, academic year 2022/2023



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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?

- C: - Studying medicine in Germany has a different layout than in Poland. The courses take place over one semester - for this reason, it is much easier to arrange your schedule by going for a whole year.*
- Practically all clinical classes take place on the UKSH campus (Universitätsklinikum Schleswig-Holstein Kiel).*
 - Although our University has an agreement signed for a semester (five months), after contacting the Coordinator in Kiel, it was possible to plan the whole year-long trip straight away.*
 - The Dean's Office takes care of arranging the plan.*
 - It is possible to obtain a 'Studdy Buddy'.*



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

C: German.

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

C: No.

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?

C: Yes, B2 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?):

C: In my case (5th year, WNMZ) the programme was rather similar and apart from a few subjects e.g. oncology or nuclear medicine – I did most of it in Kiel.



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?):

C: In my case (5th year, WNMZ), the programme was rather similar and, apart from a few subjects, e.g. oncology or nuclear medicine, the majority of the courses were taught in the Studentenwerk, where you have to apply for a place. In addition, there are other student halls of residence, such as the Protestant or the German-Nordische Burse.





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E+: How was public transport like?

C: To be a student at a German university, you have to pay the so-called "Semesterbeitrag" and it mostly covers the cost of the "Semesterticket". With this ticket, you can use public transport (i.e. buses, Fähre*, S-Bahn, U-Bahn, trains - except IC) throughout Schleswig-Holstein (except Sylt) and Hamburg. In addition, from July 2023 it is possible to purchase a "Deutschlandticket" (~ 15 € / month).

* During the summer, you can use the ferry from Monday to Friday on the Semesterticket!



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

C: You can choose between the "university" canteen Mensa I (near Audimax) and Mensa II (next to the library - I don't recommend it too much) and the hospital canteen UKSH-Bistro Kiel.

To benefit from the student discount at Mensa I/II, you have to load your student card at the designated vending machines (in my case, I couldn't use my card), while at the UKSH-Bistro you have to show your card and then the student price applies (and here you can pay by card).



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



C: The faculty coordinator from Kiel is sometimes difficult to reach (in my case before mobility). It is then worth contacting both the International Center and our Erasmus+ office right away to make the mobility happen. If any other problems arise during your mobility, I recommend going to the Dean's Office and to the Erasmus tutor there - they will always find a solution!

As far as exams are concerned, it is a good idea to ensure that you have access to Amboss beforehand and that you thoroughly study the material from the university platform, OpenOlat.

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

*C: International Center erasmus-incomings@uv.uni-kiel.de
(general information about Erasmus in Kiel).*



E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :

*C: In Kiel: medical museum, botanical garden, Kiel-Holtenau
Lübeck (especially during the festive season), Plön, Eutin, Sylt, Hamburg.*



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



C: Just organising an Erasmus is a bit of a challenge, but I think worthwhile. In addition, you get to see a different perspective of studying and compare everyday hospital life. I think deciding to go on an Erasmus+ trip is the best decision of my life. 😊