Auslands-Studienaufenthalt an der

Universität: Athens School of Fine Arts

Stadt/Land: Athens/Greece

besuchte Studienrichtung an der Gastuniversität: Printmaking, Mosaic

Aufenthaltssemester / -jahr: SS 2016

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Meine Erfahrungen

- about the study (courses / professors / students / exchange office)
- about the staying (culture / accommodation / food/ transport/ living costs/ language

In the printmaking studio as well as the mosaic studio I got everything I needed there. They provided all materials, except for little specific tools (which I had to buy).

The professors are there on specific days of the week, mostly Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the afternoon, if you needed to talk with them about your work. But you could get into the studios at any time.

In the print studio the professor showed us almost every week something new and provided materials for it, to try it out.

I had only greek students in my courses and they were really nice, if I needed something, they helped me.

When I arrived the exchange office was in a bit of a change, because the coordinator went on maternity leave. The replacement didn't have the knowledge and in the beginning we struggled a bit to find our way.

I would recommend the university to everyone who knows what he/she would like to do.

The professors are very open minded and are listening and responding to you as an student. They let you do whatever you want and help with the problems.

The culture is very hectic, it's a big city, but they have that inner calmness, the sigar sigar, easy going way of life.

If you are there and you want to get something, you count 10 days extra and you got it. Everything is a bit of a detour (we would say), but that's just how it works.

I lived in a flat with two other Erasmus students, but they studied at the business school.

It was a nice place more or less in the center. I found it at stayinathens. They are the go between the owner and the tenant. It was very easy to get the flat, but you could get cheaper ones if you are directly in the city.

Greece is known for meat so there's a lot of it. But also fresh vegetables and fruits at the big market as well as in the supermarkets are very cheap and good and local.

I bought a monthly card, which you can use for every transportation in the city. It was around 15 euros. It payed off because the university is in the industrial district which is a bit outside. So i had to take the Metro everyday,

The language was never a problem for me, everyone spoke english or french, and i learned a few words and phrases in greek.

All in all greeks are very nice and welcoming and would help you with whatever you need.

Because of the economic situation in Greece a lot of demonstrations and riots are happening. I was not afraid of it and if you keep your distance nothing happens.

The situation with the refugees in Greece, especially Athens is unbearable. I have no idea how humans can let other humans "live" like this. I was shocked and sad and I have no idea how EUROPE can look at this as if it would be a reality show.

If you live there it's normality, the greeks are used to it, they don't even care anymore (at least most of them) they just want to have there life back. AS WE ALL DO

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