

ERASMUS+ Report

Mobility type: Student mobility for studies between Programme Countries

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Country of mobility: France

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My flight was on the 1st September. I flew from Bremen to Paris and it took 1 hour and a half. In Paris I took the train to Rouen, which takes around 1 hour and 20 minutes. As I arrived in my residence in Rouen no one was there. So I had to find out by myself where my apartment was and where is what in that building. I didn't like that. It was not well organised from the residence (Prefecture). As I arrived in my apartment, it was very dirty, and the smell was not good. There were a lot of papers on my desk and all in French. To conclude, the residence Prefecture is very badly organised, and it is very dirty inside. The city of Rouen is very beautiful. It has an amazing panorama and I liked the atmosphere of the city. Rouen is not a big city and most of the people who live there are students. It has a lot of nice churches and cathedrals.

My first day at the NEOMA business school was fun. The students organised a welcome day and the head of the university welcomed us. We were 419 international students from all over the world and it was pleasant to meet all of them. The French students who organised this day were super friendly and showed us the whole campus and told us everything about the sports and art clubs.

I really enjoyed my time at the NEOMA business school, because it has a nice atmosphere and good teachers. I had 5 courses: Management Accounting and Taxation, Capital Budgeting and Financing, Strategic Management, Entrepreneurship, Intrapreneurship and Project Management 1. One course takes 3 hours and there is a short break of 10 minutes in the middle. We practised a lot during class. In nearly all classes I had presentations and group projects, which I liked a lot because you get the chance to work with different people from different cultures. Although, sometimes it was hard because some people didn't want to do anything for the project or want to start the work very late. In some courses we got homework, which we had to submit until a several time. I kind of liked that too, because the exercises were clear, and I could practise for the exam and it also has an impact on my grade. The only thing I disliked in the NEOMA business school was that the teachers sometimes started to explain or teach in French even when the course language was English. They didn't think of the international students and it was hard to follow the teacher.

In the school, there was a separate group of students, who organised events, trips and partys for the international students. They also made a WhatsApp group with all international students

and French students, in which we can ask our questions. They replied very quickly and answered to all questions. The trips were well organised. I participated in several trips. The most amazing in my opinion was the trip to Giverny to the house of Claude Monet. It was amazing we had a lot of time to see the house and the garden. Everything was so colourful and full of flowers. It was wonderful and we took a lot of pictures. The parties they organised were very nice but expensive. We didn't have to pay the entrance in the clubs but of course the drinks, which were very expensive.

The last 2 weeks in December were the exams. I practiced and learned a lot. You have much time during an exam and the questions are very simple. To conclude, the exams were too simple, and I studied too much.

In my last week I had to check out from my residence. They kicked out all the international students on the 21.12 which was a big problem, because most of the students booked their flight after that date. Another thing was that we had to clean our apartment extremely. The people from the residence started to search for things that were already like this when we arrived. They told us that we break stuff although it was not broken. I was really shocked, because they started to tell how much it will cost to replace the things. One of the biggest problems was that the people from the residence just speak French and didn't even try to speak in English. Some of the international students couldn't speak French but the people from the residence don't care. They continued to speak in French. Another big problem was to find a place to stay before the flight. No one helped the international students. A lot of people booked a hotel and some people stayed in apartments of other international students.

To conclude, I enjoyed my time in Rouen very much although there were some problems with the residence.