

PERSONAL REPORT OF DATA

KU Leuven Campus Brussels Faculty of Law

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Home University: Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover/Germany

Host University: KU LeuvenUniversity

The application: It is never easy to choose the university of exchange regarding the lack of knowledge about the host university and the city. For me it was rather easier. With a little research and recommendations from friends helped me a lot in the process.

Application itself for the host university was convenient also. With the assistance of home university it was undertaken simply. And all the necessary directions was made in the website of Ku Leuven.

Also everything is explained on the homepage for Erasmus students of the international Office clearly.

House-hunting: There are many possible ways of house-hunting in Brussels. You can use Facebook for it. There are some public groups on Facebook for house-hunting. In these groups a lot of people write down, when a room or a flat is free. Another option is, to come to Brussels without having any flat or room and search then there for a room. And maybe you get to know other Erasmus people, which are also still looking for some place. But in my opinion it is always safer to counsel former students for their recommendations.

Studies at the KU Leuven University: All my classes in IT-ICT law advanced master program were held between 18.00-21.00. Because of this reason, we had so much time during the day to discover the city and after the classes to spend time with our friends. Lecturers were so helpful and very qualified on their areas. All of the lecturers have good command of English.

Erasmus Life in Brussels: Visiting the city as an Erasmus student has some perks. There are so many groups to meet and discover the city. Additional to my friends who choose to be in Belgium for their second semester, I met with so many other people with this regard. Belgium has so many delicacies to taste historical places to visit and art museums to see. For me, the prices of the food were a little surprising. It was not as convenient as Germany. But there are many choices, so it is possible to find rather cheap places for the student.

There are also so many lovely cities around Brussels. It is easy and fast to visit with the train. Also, it is cheaper if you are a student under 25. They also offer some discounts at the museums and galleries etc.

My conclusion: Brussels is a lovely, complex and cosmopolite city. It was a different journey for me comparing to Hannover. I did not regret my choice of the university even though it was hard at some point regarding the density of the lectures.

Considering that European Parliament located in Brussels, the city offers so many seminars, panels and all kinds of gatherings. For me, it was possible to learn and extend my knowledge but at the same time have fun and attend so many fun events. Hence for the ones who considering choosing Brussels, I can easily say that it can be a full experience for an exchange student.