

A report about exchange program in Lithuania, Mycolas Romeris University:

During the Wintersemester 14/15, I spend about half a year in Mycolas Romeris University in Lithuania to do my exchange program. It definitely becomes a special and unforgettable time in my life.

Although the preparation for application took me several months, including making, sending learning agreement and contacting coordinator, it was not a complicated task as the whole procedure and what documents we should prepare are provided on the website in detail. We should only do it as early as possible, so that we will not miss the deadline.

After we get the admission letter, the mentor from Mycolas Romeris University contacted me in Facebook, keeping me informed with newest information. When I arrived, the mentor picked us in the airport and helped me all the way until I settled down, so the semester started smoothly.

Talking about the study program which was provided by Mykolas Romeris University, it is really hard that you come back without learning nothing.

The classes which were offered to students for Master program in English were full of variety. Provided with classes which has a wide range, I could hardly make a decision which one I should take. Finally I spent almost two weeks on visiting every classes which interested me, learning every professors and making final decision.

Besides, every classes are with seminar, which created the chance for us to review the classes constantly. After you learned the knowledge, you were required to prepare for discussion, sometimes with reading materials and have to present it too. With such intensive learning style, I learned how to manage learning with limited time, and formed a habit for a way to review.

Although the classes are kind of intensive and busy, we were also equally provided with the chance to raise questions so that we can make sure we understand the class fully. The professor were friendly and helpful, always welcoming students to talk about the topic on class, which enabled us to questions freely and casually.

Furthermore, the library there opens almost 24 hours, which was quite student-friendly. When we were in the mood to study and concentrate, it was a nice place of us to choose.

Of course the exchange program is not only for the study. As the program consisted of a big group of foreign students, it was not hard for us to find new friends. A big dorm was provided for us, each floor with more than 20 students. You can chat, cook and gather in the dorm, never feeling alone. The University lays great emphasis on exchange students' spare time too. There was organized trips for us to take part in, to visit Lithuanian city or countries around Lithuania. The parties and other activities were also organized almost every weeks. If somebody want to meet new friends, practice English, have fun and learn many foreign culture, I think it is a right place.

Finally, what I enjoyed was the uniqueness of the country Lithuania. When I walked around the city Vilnius, I noticed a lot of forests and churches. People can find a nice sunny day, enjoy fresh air in the green, and find fresh berries and mushrooms in the shop. The style of buildings was also different with those in West Europe, which attracted me too. Besides, when it snowed, the forest there turned totally into white, as it was suddenly powdered during one night. Although I already left Lithuania, the scenery of snow was so fantastic that I still remember it clearly.

There do have some problems for studying in Lithuania though. What I found inconvenient was firstly the language. As Russian is more widely used than English, people like me who can only speak English might sometimes have problem in taking public transportation, finding a specific place, buying goods, or communicating with local people. It was kind of frustrating to extend the Visa, while many staff in Visa Center only speak Lithuania and Russia and we did not understand each other. In such case, it would be better to ask friends or mentors for help, because it is hard to deal with such problem by yourself.

In one word, I think I made a right choice to choose Lithuania. It helped me to broaden my mind, learn how to suit to new life in foreign country, and finally came back with one of the most precious memory in my life.