



Yeditepe University Istanbul

2017-2018

preparation
exchange/placement application process
The application process was fast and it was clear what kind of paperwork needed to be done. The timeline did really help with this. The application went fast and I got a response from my host University really fast.
counselling/support at home university
The support at Utrecht University was good. When you have questions you can always reach the international office. They always response as fast as possible.
academic preparation
There was no academic preparation for this destination. I think when your level of English is good there is no preparation needed as the host university offers different courses in English
language preparation
There was no language preperation because all of the courses that I took was in English. Your English level should be good to be able to follow the lectures and to pass your courses
finances
The costs for living in Istanbul are low. Because the Euro is worth a lot it is relatively cheap for us. However because there was no kitchen in the accommodation the costs could still add up
study/placement abroad period
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)
The first two weeks were a little chaotic because some courses at the university were cancelled and the schedule of my courses that I originally planned to follow and that I did put in my learning agreemeent did not fit in a schedule. I had to choose other courses and I had to figure out a way to fit my courses in a schedule. Eventually I change a few courses and there was no way to avoid overlap of courses which I had 4 hours
academic quality of education/placement activities
The quality of the courses were good. The teachers had a lot of experience and knowledgde and because I did only choose English courses teachers came from different countires outside Turkey. The only thing was that



because the a lot of students did not speak English that well teachers were forced to speak in Turkish to explain certain things in certain parts of the lectures

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

For questions you could always go to the International Office or to the coordinator in your faculty. They were always helpful and tried to help you as good as possible

transfer of credits

When the grades are announced they will send the Transcript of Records a.s.a.p. I except the transfer of credits to go without any problems

student life

welcome/orientation programme

I personally think that the orientation programma was too short and they could explain things a little better so that the first weeks were not that chaotic

accommodation

Students can choose to stay on campus for accommodation. The campus is huge and impressive at first sight. It has dorms specially for girls. For Erasmust students there are only double rooms available. They are clean but small and there is not kitchen. On campus there are different restaurants to eat and there is a social building where you can sit in the evening. The downside is the locatoin of the campus, which is far from the centre and the people within the campus are not speaking English which makes communcation hard

leisure/culture

There is a lot to do and to see in Istanbul. ESN did always organize events and trips that helped to explore Istanbul more and to meet different people. Istanbul is really beautiful and it was a great to experience the Turkish culture

suggestions/tips

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

I would recommand this destination to others because Istanbul is so beautiful and there is a lot to see and to experience. Despite the fact that people might be afraid of the situation in Turkey because it is not always stable it should not lead t the culture and the city is so beautiful. There is a lot to experience. I would recommend this university to people who can speak Turkish at least a little because the level of English is not good within the University or in Istanbul itself. Communication is not easy.

do you have any additional advice or comments?


