



SNSPA Bucharest Romania

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PREPARATION
exchange application process
For my application I needed to hand in my transcript of records and a motivation letter.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
I went to the meeting about studying abroad where they explained everything and if you had any question you could ask them.
academic preparation
None
language preparation
I started Duolingo to practice Romanian
finances
I handed in my documents regarding my grant. Besides this, I stopped my student OV and got in exchange money to travel abroad. Which was way more then how much traveling costs are in Romania.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I got placed in the wrong faculty, however I choose to move forward with these types of courses, since it was something that I would never had choosen otherwise. I could choose from every year and program. So I chose some master, bachelror 3 and Bachelor 1 courses. It is important to keep in mind that the master course are in the evening and bachelor courses during the day. This is because they expect that most of the master students are already working.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of the eduction is lower then in Utrecht. The education activities are more based on examples and practical thinking instead of theory.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The councling and support of the univeristy was great. Maria answered everything, and most times within an hour. The first day we got an tour around the university and she got us our students cards and explained everything about the schedule and the courses we could choose.
transfer of credits
31 ECTS

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There was a different welcome from the univeristy then the ESN of Bucharest. The welcome of the university is already explained above. The welcome from the ESN were a lot of events to get to know as many people as you



wanted. For example speeddating, parties, hikes, city tour, dinners and museums. I did not went to all the events since they were every day, but these were nice opportunites to meet new people.

accommodation

I found my roommate through Facebook. We decide to come a week in advance to look for an appartement. So the first week I stayed in an airbnb. We went looking for a place to stay by different real estate agents. We had a couple of different ones. I took us an week to find the perfect appartement. There were a lot, so enough choice and not really expensive compared to Utrecht. I had an appartement near Calea Victoriei and Cismigiu park. For me this was a perfect location, since it was close to the old town, where all the parties are, but it was not the loud etc. It was further away from the univeristy, since it is all the way up in the north, and not really in the center. To go here I had to take the bus or tram for half an hour and walk 15 minutes.

leisure & culture

Bucharest is a very diverse city. It is really marked by the communist era. This is shown in the architechture of the city, where you can see French influence and communist influences. The food includes a lot of meat and cabbages. I really recommend to go to a Romanian restaurant where they do the traditional food, dances and music during dinner. This is a real experience. And try palinka if you want to get drunk very fast. Furthermore, the most of the people in Romania are very nice. Most of the people speak English, however a lot of elder people do not. And probaly on the countryside, as well not the best English.

suggestions/tips

I recommed to go on the trip with the ESN, we went to Brasov and spent a weekend there with 800 other erasmus students in Romania. This was the weekend of halloween, and we went to party there, and went to the castle of Dracula (bran castle). This was a very lovely experience. Furthermore, try to visit as many cities in Romania as possible (Sofia is also close with the flibus).

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes, I would recommend this destinatin abroad because I had a really great time. However I feel like you have to make it the best experience yourself.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

For accomodation, go a week before the university starts and then go look for a place when you are their. There are a lot of real estate agents who would love to help you find a place. On facebook I already found a roommate, and when we were there, we found a place within a week.