Experience Report

(Departmental Program, Free Mover and non-European Double Degree)

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Please complete a freely formulated experience report.

The report should be 3 to 4 DIN A4 pages long, and may include some photographs (in jpg format) (please do not exceed the maximum file size of 8 MB!)

**Please provide details on:**

**Preparation**

Planning, selection of the country and the Host University, organization, application to the home and host university, support from home university, language courses

**Studies at Host University**

Language requirements and language of instruction, division into trimesters or semesters, difficulties due to possible differences in semester begin and end, formalities, course selection and testing, level and methodology in comparison to TUM, departmental focus, expert advice, changes to the Learning Agreement, credit recognition, supervision and support from the host university, buddy program or orientation weeks, location, university facilities (library, computer, canteen, etc.)

**Accommodations abroad**

Tips for finding accommodation (hostels / private housing market), help from host university, costs

**Everyday life and leisure**

Cost of living, sports or language courses, student associations, integration into the university, regional and cultural offerings, information on public transport, quality of life

**Additional costs / Funding possibilities (optional)**

Source of information, scholarships and application procedure, costs of living, additional expenses compared to Germany, tips (shopping, transport etc.)

**Competencies and learning experiences**

Growth in professional, social, linguistic, intercultural competence, etc., expected added-value to academic and career path

**Intercultural experiences**

Your ideas about the host country, which turned out to be wrong or true; similarities/ differences between the culture of the host institution and yours; displeasing situations

**Intercultural Seminars at TUM before mobility**

Did you join a seminar before mobility? If yes, was it helpful? In which cases did it help you at your stay abroad?

**Thinking green**

We highly appreciate your green engagement abroad and / or if you have travelled with environmentally friendly means of transport.

It would be great to share your experiences here, in order to provide future TUMexchange students with valuable inspiration and advice on sustainable travel behavior. We are especially interested in the following subjects:

Do you have any tips for environmentally friendly travel and behavior at the place of the host institution, like bike-sharing or sustainable shopping/sight seeing behavior)?

The best examples will be published and rewarded on our [sustainability website](https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/thinking-green). There you find a contact where to send your photos, links to blogs or reports about your green engagement.

**Other**

E.g. what you need to take with you from Germany, what you would like to have known before your stay abroad, etc.

**Conclusion**

E.g. best and worst experience