

Global Exchange Programme - My Study Abroad Report

PERSONAL DATA

General information

Academic year	2021/22
Host university	Peking University
Exchange Programme	Austausch - Tuition Waiver
Field of study	Mathematics
Duration in semesters/terms	1
Start semester/term	Wintersemester 2021/22
Program	Tuition Waiver

I agree to have my study abroad report anonymously published on the website. No

I agree to have my study abroad report given to my faculty liaison for internal use. Yes

HOST INSTITUTION

Host Institution

Why did you select this partner university? strong reputation in China and Asia fluent in local language (Mandarin)

Please describe the campus and surrounding area.

How would you rate the host university's infrastructure (e.g. library, cafeteria, IT Services, WiFi) ? no reasonable answer possible (online semester)

How would you rate the support and advising services of the host university? International Office sometimes did not respond to mails, otherwise okay.

Was there an orientation programme (online or in person)? No

Did you take a preparatory language course or an in-semester language course? No

ACADEMICS

Academics

Did you take courses within your major? No

Please tell us what the academic focus of your stay was (e.g. language courses, key competencies). minor (economics)

Did you also take online courses? Yes

Please describe the online course structure (e.g. synchronous, asynchronous, lectures with break out rooms) Some lectures were live, where you had to participate to not lose points on the final mark. Other lectures were more friendly to international students (time-difference!): There was the possibility to watch the video-recorded lectures later. PKU used their own teaching platform ClassIn or Microsoft Teams.

What did you learn from this experience about virtual learning and online communication in an international context? to be more flexible and open-minded It is important to be proactive without fear and speak up if one has issues since no one can see your mimic and body language.

TRAVEL AND MOBILITY

Travel within the host country

How would you rate the public transport system in the city?

Are there any discounts for students on public transport?

LIFE ABROAD

Living costs and Finances

How were the living costs in comparison to Göttingen? about the same

How much was your monthly rent? 200 - 400€

Did you purchase health insurance through the host university?

Is it necessary to open a local bank account in country?

Is it necessary to have a credit card?

Is it important to have a local mobile phone number? Yes

RECREATION AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Recreation and cultural attractions

Which recreational and cultural attractions of the city or region did you participate in?

Which recreational and cultural attractions of the host university did you participate in?

SUMMARY

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To what extent do you consider your stay abroad beneficial for your academic and personal development?	somehwat beneficial
Please describe your most memorable experience.	Probably while working on a group project with other international students and getting to know each other and discussing the Covid situation in different parts of the world.
What was the biggest challenge you faced during your stay abroad?	online semester: definitely taking courses and exams in the middle of the night and technical issues with instructions written only in Chinese
What experiences could have been avoided? What advice can you give to fellow students?	An online semester abroad is still valuable even if your not physically in the country.
Would you recommend the host university to future exchange students?	Yes
What information would you have liked to have before your stay abroad?	relevant information (course list, registration procedure) was send via mail way to late (due to the online semester I guess)
Summary: My semester abroad...	was more work than fun. Instead of traveling the country, enjoy the local cuisine and attending student events I learned how to work together on projects with people from all around the world with different academic backgrounds,cultures, personalities and in other time zones. This online semester abroad was a good opportunity to experience working in an international shaped environment.

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