

1. Where and when did you study abroad?

From the 20th of September 2019 until the 16th of January

2. What KEA program did you attend at the time?

E-design (Entrepreneurship and Design)

3. What classes did you take during your semester abroad? Please briefly explain what each class was about.

Photography – Learned how to use a camera and use the settings in different light

Integrated Communication Laboratory – Learned different tools how to make a communication plan and campaign

Innovation, Technology and Society – History of innovation and tools to differentiate innovations

Graphic Design – Learning and working with Illustrator and a little bit of InDesign

Digital Media Laboratory – Making a Vlog and uploading it on YouTube

Video Post-Production – Editing different videos and mastering sounds

Academic Experience

1. How helpful was the receiving school in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?

We had to choose our classes from home, but we could learn more about them through the website. When we started the first day, we had a better explanation of each class. We also had the opportunity of changing classes until one month passed.

2. What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?

In Graphic Design I learned a lot more than on KEA because I spent way more time on it here. I also learned a lot from Photography and Video Post-production, because I never had those classes before. All the other classes were very similar to the ones from back home.

3. What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?

Digital Media Laboratory because im never going to use it again, and I have no plans of becoming a blogger. I found all the other classes rewarding.

4. What classes would you advise other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?

I would recommend Graphic Design, because it was really rewarding for me, and it made me way more satisfied using it. Photography was also very nice for because I learned a lot about something that I'm really interested in.

DESIGN, DIGITAL and TECH students

Cultural/Personal Experience

1. What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

In Portugal people are generally not good at English, the same was the case for some of the students from France, Turkey and Spain.

How helpful was the receiving school in this process?

Those students had the opportunity of studying English.

2. What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?

Erasmus was very helpful becoming friends with the different students because of the parties and trips they set up.

3. What advice would you give other KEA students going to study abroad at the receiving school?

Be open minded and don't be afraid to ask people to hang out and do funny stuff. It's way more fun studying abroad if you hang out with all the other students 😊

Practical Experience

1. How was the application process?

It was long but easy with help from my exchange supervisor Hanne Vang.

- a. What did KEA help you with?

Explaining how to write the best application, and also making sure I knew the deadlines.

b. What help did you receive from your school abroad?

Not that much from the Portuguese school, I got the most help from my own school,

2. Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?

Not really. I stayed with 2 other friends from my home school, and that made it easier finding a nice apartment. My best advice would be to find an apartment in good time for cheaper prices.

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process? ‘

The receiving school send us a list of websites we could use to find accomendation.

3. Where did you live?

In Lisbon, Porugal.

a. Was it difficult to find accommodation? b. Was it expensive?

It was not that hard to find no, and if you looked it up in good time it was cheaper. But not finding accommodation in Portugal is not that expensive, and if you're alone and can live with renting one room it's very cheap.

4. What kind of expenses did you have in general? a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?

I spend a lot of money because I lived like a vacation when I was off school. And I also arrived to Portugal 2 weeks before my school started, and there I tried a lot of things that costed money. I also visited Porto during my trip.