

EXCHANGE IN BARCELONA

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ABOUT

1. Where and when did you study abroad?

I went to Barcelona / Sabadell at ESDI University from September 2023 to January 2024.

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

I studied Multimediasdesign



3. What classes did you take during your semester abroad?

Art Theory and History 2; Art Theory and History II, spanning the 20th century to the present, was taught by the engaging and passionate Jeffery, who, while using a less structured approach, shared anecdotes and life stories alongside his teachings. The class, emphasizing listening and note-taking, offered a unique and instructive experience, making it suitable for those curious about diverse art movements.



Communication;

Mikki's communication class was fine, focusing on the evolution of communication mediums from painting to social media and emphasizing the designer's responsibility in effective communication. Led by the fast-talking Mikki, the class has an academic orientation with a strong emphasis on debate, offering a fresh perspective but is less practical in nature. We did a podcast with information and knowledge from the class.

Comprehensive Projects;

This class didn't make much sense to me, but it was a class that we did a group project in. It was about how we could make the refugees in Spain feel more included and to have a better life.





Business 1;

This class was about how the structure of a business is. We mostly listened to the teacher, who was also speaking spanish (most people in this class were bad at English so she said everything twice). It was very theoretical, but the next semester with this class would be more practical.



Materials n Technology;

This class was about the making of videos and all the theoretical behind filmmaking.
It was pretty cool - I learned a lot of new editing skills
ii use know to make videos.

Design theory and History 2;

This class was again led by Jeffrey. The class, emphasizing listening and note-taking, offered a unique and instructive experience, making it suitable for those curious about diverse design movements. I really liked this class because of the design aspect! We did two different essays in this class.

Projects;

This class was specific for graphic design. We did a few projects where we had free creativity to make your own ideas!

The teacher Pol was a young guy - He didn't have a lot of experience with teaching but was more focusing on giving graphic feedback (which I learned a lot from!!). Very cool class if you like graphic design



Computing 2;

This class was for Interior designers so it was learning about how to draw architectural drawings. We were supposed to be with the audiovisual but they canceled that course. Cool subject, but didn't make much sense for my studies



Litterature and Communication;

This class was about everything to do with RESEARCH. The teacher was again Mikki who was really easygoing with what to do. We had to make smaller assignments to then at the end have a full research on a topic of your own choosing.

The class itself was a little confusing because he didn't explained it very well in the beginning, but it was fine.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **How helpful was the receiving school in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?**

Super fine. Paula was very helpful with answering questions and I had the chance of getting all the classes I wanted! - if you want to make sure to get the specific classes, fill out everything correctly and with good time to spare.

- **What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?**

I really liked the course projects because of the teacher was a good feedback giver and because I learned a lot about the graphic aspect of it all.



- **What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?**

I found Comprehensive projects to be the least relevant course because of what it was about. It was more a course about how to work in a group than what the actual product was going to be.

- **What classes would you advice other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?**

Definitely Materials n Technology, Projects 1(graphic) and Design theory!



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

- **How was the application process?**

Very long, but actually okay easy. You can quickly make everything like your CV etc.

- **a. What did KEA help you with?**

The many questions I had before and during! Anne was super helpful and quick to answer any doubts.

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

Paula was also very quick to help answer questions before and during!

- **Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?**

No i don't remember having any - The school sends out a lot of information before.

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

Helpful!

- **Where did you live?**

I lived right by Universitat metro which is very CENTER - very cool place!!

- **a. Was it difficult to find accommodation?**

YES!!! - We found our apartment random on Airbnb.. If you are alone I would recommend writing in the different facebook groups for apartments or rooms.

- **b. Was it expensive?**

We paid between 4500kr to 5500kr each pr month



- **What kind of expenses did you have in general?**

- Food
- Housing
- FUN times !!

- **a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?**

More i think so - I didn't want to miss out on a good meal!!

- **What kind of income did you have during your exchange?**

- Did you receive SU and/or Erasmus
- Did you apply for any grants and did you receive any?

I recieved my SU and Erasmus and also I had rented my apartment out.



CULTURAL/PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- **What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?**

The language - If you want to learn spanish DO IT! I didn't have sign up for a course before it was too late

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

They actually had a program where you could sign up for - It costed a little bit but I don't remember how much

- **What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?**

I think just living in another country was the best!! So far away from your normal life was just amazing. I learned a lot of personal growth. And also just meeting a lot of different people.

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

Make sure to be included in the ERASMUS groups there are on WhatsApp - They have a lot of events that you can join!

Be open minded about all the different cultures and people that are on the school - They are so kind and welcoming!

Go on weekend trips - Very cheap flights to Marrakech, Lisabon and Porto!!

And also just enjoy and relax!! It goes by too fast...

(If you like vintageshopping - bring an extra suitcase ;-))

