My Erasmus year in Munich 2023/2024, at LMU

Hello!

My name is Stefan Ionac and I would like to give feedback about my second year abroad through the Erasmus + Program. I decided to do in my 5th year of medical school, at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timisoara, for a second year abroad in Munich at Ludwig Maximilian Universität.

Firstly, because I came in for a second year I moved back in my already rented apartment. The university sadly could not accommodate me again. Happily, my girlfriend started to work in Munich, so we split the rent. We were lucky to keep the apartment for 1100 euros monthly.

Secondly, LMU is a very good university, one of the top Universities in Germany. For me, a Romanian medical student it was very nice to be able to attend to classes of such a prestigious university. I have learned a lot during my year, and I am happy that now I can go home and look different at how the medical system works. I realized that every country has its pros and cons regarding the medical system and the education system. This is why for us medical students, opportunities like this are very important. I had the opportunity to attend to classes like a normal German student and be graded accordingly. For me this was very important to compare my medical skills to students of one of the top universities. Being able to also speak German fluently, I was able to talk to patients with ease which made all the lessons at the patient very interesting. Classes were with almost no attendance requirements and every material was uploaded on moodle. So, if you had to take a job, you would have time with no problems. On the other hand, there are so many mentors left and right, which can give you a lot of opportunities like writing a paper, bachelor's degree or just go on night shifts and see the most interesting cases. I for example managed to do my bachelor's degree here and start a new research project. Regarding the credit transfer, grade transfer etc. I had no problems at all. I found every class I needed, and my university graded everything accordingly with no problem.

Thirdly, Munich is a very beautiful city. It is a bit expensive but there are a lot of cheap events specially made for students. I consider Munich to be one of the main cities of Europe as there are so many events happening all year round and so many people from all the parts of the world. To be able to live here and learn so many new people from around the world it was wonderful. The Erasmus Student Network in Munich was also very active. Any day you wanted to go out but didn't have any plans they were organizing something which was so nice. Karaoke nights every Tuesdays, Beer Garden every Thursday, Tradition Bavarian events on Fridays and hiking trips or any trips during the weekend, there was a lot to choose from. The organizers were always very friendly, and I met a lot of people during these events.

All in all, I would recommend Munich to any student wanting to do Erasmus here. Although, it may become expensive, if you manage to get a dorm place which is 400 euros per month, with some additional funds from your parents or from a job which you would have the time to to take, you can really enjoy this beautifully lively city. You can meet so many new people, have so many things to do but also if you are interested more in the academic part you can meet some of the best mentors and learn a handful.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

I hope my feedback helps!

All the best,
Stefan Ionac