

Final report
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Slovenia.

This small green country measures 20,273 km² in area, and is home to sincere, hospitable people of great diligence. It has an exceptional number of top athletes, and a wealth of cultural creativity. In Slovenia it is not difficult to compare the value of goods and services, as they are priced in one of the world's major currencies, the euro.

Study in Slovenia - a great opportunity get to know the way of life, culture, and interesting parts of the country and, of course, the Slovenian language.

Slovenia has three universities:

- University of Ljubljana: <http://www.unilj.si>
- University of Maribor: <http://www.uni-mb.si>
- Seaside University: <http://www.upr.si/sl/>) includes in its structure 44 faculty.

In addition, the country has art academies, professional colleges and ten private higher education institutions.

As an International Management Master's student I have chosen University of Maribor for my winter/summer semester. In following parts, you will get to know my experience.

Maribor.

Maribor is, as the capital of Štajerska, the second largest city in the country. At the same time Maribor is pleasantly small and set in the wonderful natural surroundings of Pohorje on the one side and wine growing hills on the other, with the river Drava wending its way through it. With its diversity and quality offers, surrender to the best that can be offered in one of Slovenia's key tourist destinations!



The rich wine tradition of the oldest vine in the world, the throb of the city with its thriving cultural history, the location between wine growing hills and green Pohorje

and the diverse possibilities for exploring, recreation, relaxation, entertainment and meetings will convince you that Maribor has a heart and soul and that the inhabitants of Maribor are excellent hosts.

Maribor as well perfectly located for travelling with diverse network of railway and buses. You can easily visit Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Italy. Near the city you can enjoy ski and recreation resorts with thermal water.

University of Maribor. Application.

The University of Maribor (Slovene: Univerza v Mariboru) is Slovenia's second university, established in 1975 in Maribor, Slovenia. It currently has 17 faculties.



I applied for my semester abroad in official website where after registration I could fill special form for Erasmus student with self-English evaluation. I was a bit surprised, you don't need to pass English exam or to ask any professor about recommendation. You just fill in a form, print it, sign it and take full responsibility if you have any troubles with understanding of subjects.

At the University you will find pretty limited list of subjects, because University does not have programs taught in English. All subject in English organized only for exchange student and it means lack of contact with local students. Not all

professors required attention, but some of them are very strict and required participation as well. I took the following classes:

- Principles of Economic (1 exam)
- Strategic Supply Chain Management (1 exam)
- Marketing research (1 exam)
- Invention and Innovation Management (project, presentation, participation and exam)
- Business English II (presentation, oral and written exam)
- Business German I (1 exam)
- Total Quality Management
- Customer Relationship Management
- Strategic Oriented Strategic Management

All subjects were very interesting and very well constructed. In the end of winter semester was a bit difficult to pass six of them in one week before Christmas, but after it gives good opportunity to travel or retake exam. The rest I took while Summer semester and they were required work in groups and additional research which made study more deep and interesting.

Housing.

University offers possibility to live in dorms with other students in double rooms or if you in favor to live alone in apartment please go to this website: <http://www.dostop.si/Kamrica.aspx> One suggestion- don't pay deposit in advance, or do it via PayPal, because some of students paid for fake apartments. The price range is different but for 200 euro including bills you can find very good single room in city center. I lived in Vila Mira (Ilesnikova 6,) 5 min. from EPF faculty and was very happy with my flat mates and helpful landlord.

Activities.

ESN Maribor organized a lot of activities from welcome weeks till skiing during winter semester. Welcome weeks' program helps to find new friends and explore the most important places in the city like Rectorate, administrative building of the University, locations of main faculties, cafes and bars.



In additional, you can get in touch with AIESEC Maribor. It gives you opportunity get to know active local students and AIESEC members from other countries. As you know, AIESEC is a world famous student organization, where each student can apply university knowledge in reality. For instance, I supported Marketing part and together we did two nice events.

Conclusion.

Semester abroad is always an adventure. It's takes time to prepare, but as a reward you will get new experience, people from different cultures, learn new languages and a lot of fun! I recommend you to go to Slovenia and open for yourself people with big heart, ski slopes and thermal resorts. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me (anpanteleeva@edu.aau.at)