

ERASMUS-EXPERIENCE REPORT

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Field of study: Horticultural Sciences

Host University: Bologna University

Year of study: 2023/2024

Duration of stay: from 15.09.2023 to 17.02.2024

Publication of the report

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yes

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THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR FUTURE OUTGOINGS:

1. City, country and people + social integration

The City of Bologna is unbelievable beautiful. Especially in the warmer months it is a dream. You get the full Italian vibe – sitting outside with a bottle of wine, eating pasta and other delicious food. The people are very social and include you quite fast. They ask a lot of questions about your home country, are pretty interested in other cultures and opinions about their country – Italy.

2. Accommodation

It is pretty hard to find nice cheap flats when you don't know someone who lives in the city already. My room in a shitty flat cost 680 euros which was insane. In general the housing situation in Bologna is pretty bad because everything is very expensive and the flats are in bad condition.

3. Costs and expenses

Food is pretty cheap compared to Austria. But like mentioned above the rents are crazy expensive. The costs for beer are the same as in Austria but the costs for coffee and appetitives in bars is very cheap.

4. Arrival and departure (mean of transport)

I came by car but there are also good train connections, at least from Austria. Ryan air has cheap flights every week from Bologna to Vienna.

5. Other (visa, insurance, etc.)

I didn't have any insurance.

6. Description of host university

The University of Agraria is a bit outside the city – 30 min by bus. I would not recommend going by bike, no good bikelanes when you come from the city. Professors were very good and professional. Some of them have bad English.

7. Application and enrollment formalities and orientation phase

The Italian side needs long time to respond and the communication between Vienna and Bologna university was not that good.



8. Course offer and attended courses (short description and possibly grading)

For my study there was a course catalogue to choose from, but you can also take other courses that you can find on the alma mater university homepage under “course search”.

9. “Study workload” (ECTS) per semester + grading

Most courses hab no mandatory attendance and were quite easy.

10. Academic counseling/support

Did not need it.

11. Tips and summary

Everything in Italy takes more time than in Vienna.