

# STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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## BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**
- Study programme: **H 033 219**
2. Host university: **University of Zagreb**  
 Host country: **Croatia**
3. Your period  
 of stay: from **25 September 2021** to **18 February 2022**  
 Study year: **2021/2022**

## FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

### 4. Information about the host university. How helpful were the following sources of information?

(Please enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful):

Homepage of the host university	4
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	5
Curricula	4
Host university	5
BOKU International Relations	5
Other:	

### 5. How would you evaluate your ability in the language of the host university?

(1 = weak to 5 = excellent)

	Before your stay abroad					After your stay abroad				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Reading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. Languages of care/support at the host university and their use in percentage:**

Language of care was German:  Yes  No

1.) English	95 %	3.)	%
2.) Croatian	5 %	4.)	%

**What recommendations would you give to future students about the host country and university? (Questions 7 -14)** Please give tips, sources of information, contacts, and links

**7. Host country**

Croatians are very lively people, just be open and show interest in their country/language/culture etc. Due to its rather small size, orientation in Zagreb is easy. It might be more chaotic and not as clean, structured and organized as to what Austrians are used to, but it's a really cozy and cute town where you easily feel at home. There's a lot of cafes and bars and a lot of exchange students. Also, I never felt not safe no matter what time of the day or night. Croatia has amazing landscapes and beautiful nature. I highly recommend visiting both the coast as well as the continental parts of the country, the variety of regions is quite impressive.

**8. Host university**

The agriculture faculty in Zagreb is located on the outer skirts of the city of Zagreb close to a very popular and big park (Maksimir). It is basically on the other side of town from the dormitories, it's about an hour tram ride. There is a very nice menza on Campus. As an exchange student be prepared to be almost alone or alone in class, we were a group of maybe ten exchange students in total and some of us were alone in class with the professor. However this should not prevent you from going there, my experience was that most of the professors are really kind and glad to teach exchange students. What I really liked about the university is the high amount of student's organizations, so if you want to get to know Croatian student life, just keep your eyes open, it is easy to get in touch with them. In my case that was IAAS (International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences) Croatia, Studentski Vrt (Students Garden) and USKA (Association for Croatian Landscape Architecture Students)

**9. To what extent did you feel socially integrated?**

(1 = not at all to 5 = very well)	1	2	3	4	5
in the local culture/community in general	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with international students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**10. Which contact person (at BOKU/the host university) helped you organise your stay abroad?**

**11. How would evaluate the general advice and help given in administrative matters?**

(Please give a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful)

at BOKU International Relations	5
from teachers at BOKU	4
from the host university	5
from students at the host university	5
from others:	

**12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements**

**13. Can you give advice and suggestions regarding the social aspect of your host country/university (cultural differences, importance of language ability etc.)?**

Concerning importance of language ability, you shouldn't worry, you are perfectly fine with English (everywhere in Zagreb except the outdoor markets). A lot of people also speak German. My experience was that Croatians talk English really well, often they underestimate their own language abilities.

**14. Were there events organised especially for exchange students during your stay?**

Yes     No

**If yes, please indicate which ones:**  
Especially during the first week before university started there was the welcome week with ongoing events to get to know Zagreb but most of all the other exchange students (for example city tour, run, dog walking, treasure hunt, survival tips for Zagreb...). Throughout the whole semester ESN (Erasmus Student Network) organized events, such as parties, game nights, pub quizzes, international dinner, hikes, trips to somewhere in Croatia or outside Croatia.

**ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, AND COSTS**

**15. What was your primary residence during your stay?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student dormitory                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel / guest house   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Room in a private apartment               | <input type="checkbox"/> own private apartment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat share with other students |  |

**16. Who helped you look for accommodation?**

- Host university
- Housing market
- Friends/family
- Other:

**17. How helpful was the host university in looking for a room?**

(1 = not helpful to 5 = very helpful)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**18. How would you evaluate the quality of the accommodation? (1 = poor to 5 = excellent)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**19. How would you evaluate the availability and/or accessibility of assistance given during your studies (regarding for example the library, computer rooms, labs, equipment etc.)?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**20. How would you evaluate the accessibility and/or quality of computers and email services at the host university?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**21. Expenses during your stay abroad (in Euros):**

Travel costs (for a single return journey): 20 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	280	€ / Month
Food	150	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	15	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	5	€ / Month
Study fees	0	€ / Month
Other:	50	€ / Month

**OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

**22. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from an academic point of view?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent):

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**23. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from a personal point of view?**

(1 = unsatisfactory to 5 = highly satisfactory):

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**24. Which aspects of your stay abroad did you like the most?**

**From an academic point of view:**  
 The student teacher relationship,  
 the quality of studying in small groups,  
 the higher amount of practical work in classes compared to BOKU.

**From a social/cultural point of view:**

Getting to know people from all over the world

Seeing the differences and similarities between Austria and Croatia

**25. Did you have any problems during your stay abroad?**

realizing that only because a university focuses on the same study fields as BOKU, it doesn't mean that sustainability is that present in every day life and people's minds

**26. Will your academic progress at BOKU be hindered as a result of your stay abroad?**

Yes

No

I don't know

**If yes, please explain why:**

Choice of English classes at Agronomski Fakultet is limited. Also, classes in Croatia have more ECTS in general and they have less classes per semester. So for example, taking one class with 6 ECTS in Croatia only allows me to skip a mandatory class with 2 ECTS here at BOKU. The remaining 4 ECTS are counted as free elective classes.

**27. How could the Joint Study and student exchange programme be improved in your opinion?**

connect CEEPUS students who study at the same place. Until today I have no idea if there was another CEEPUS student in Zagreb last semester

## **General Report**

**Short feedback on your stay: attended lectures, seminars, excursions, etc.**

Other things you found interesting, you think future students should know, problems, general tips and recommendations...

## **The last two questions**

**What did you gain the most out of your stay abroad?**

Get to know myself better  
make friends from totally different countries  
experience real university life after three semesters of distance learning

**Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?**

Don't worry and go study abroad!!!  
You'll be so grateful for all the humans you will have met, for every experience.

## **Many thanks for your support!**

### **Publication of this report**

I agree that this report, including the above data (field of study, host university, year of study, length of stay), will be published on the website of BOKU International Relations for the purpose of exchanging information on the study visit, so that future interested outgoings can be informed about your experience at the host institution.

Yes       No

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