

STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**
- Study programme: **H 066 448**
2. Host university: **Egerton University**
 Host country: **Kenya**
3. Your period
 of stay: from **15 July 2023** to **08 September 2023**
 Study year: **3**

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	1
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	4
Curricula	4
Host university	4
BOKU International Relations	3
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 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Listening	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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6. Languages of care/support at the host university and their use in percentage:

Language of care was German: Yes No

1.) English	100 %	3.)	%
2.)	%	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

Ask your colleagues, teachers and friends all the questions you have, they are glad to help you and usually really helpful. Get a SIMcard asap and activate an mpesa account as it is the most common way of paying bills and for services. In case you stay longer after your study, make sure to apply for a pupil pass ahead of time because it can take several months before it arrives. The pupil pass can come in handy if you want to go to national parks.

8. Host university

Egerton University, www.egerton.ac.ke, lwm@egerton.ac.ke

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

BOKU: Nina Haslinger
 BOKU International Relations: Lisa Maria Schmidtberger
 Egerton: Priscilla Muriithi

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	3
from the host university	5
from students at the host university	
from others: students at home university	5

12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements

Registration at Egerton University: application letter, certificates, CV, application form
 Financial support: Joint Study Freemover Scholarship, ask BOKU International Relations for support
 Others: Check Visa requirements, pupil pass application, entry requirements for Kenya, vaccinations etc

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

Be respectful and open to the culture. There are differences and having an open mind is always helpful. Ask your colleagues or teachers if you want to know more about their culture, they are always happy to tell you. English is widely spoken but it can be confusing sometimes as they use different expressions. After some time you'll get used to it though.

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

- Yes No

If yes, please indicate which ones:

ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, AND COSTS

15. What was your primary residence during your stay?

- Student dormitory Hotel / guest house
 Room in a private apartment own private apartment
 Flat share with other students

16. Who helped you look for accommodation?

- Host university Friends/family
 Housing market 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): 900 €
Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 1025 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	100	€ / Month
Food	200	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	200	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.		€ / Month
Study fees		€ / Month
Other:	525	€ / 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:

I learnt a lot in a short period of time and it felt great to be surrounded by competent teachers

From a social/cultural point of view:

There is a lot of travelling involved during the modules which introduces you very well to the country and the culture

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

Outside the stability and care created by the university, being a woman with light skin can be challenging sometimes. Know your limits and act on them.

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:

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

I had a great experience and I don't know how it could be improved.

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 models at Egerton university are intensive. You have to attend every lecture, lab work sessions, excursions etc. Your entire stay will be planned out and weekends can be short sometimes. But in exchange you learn and see a great deal and you are surrounded by friendly and nice students. It is an unforgettable journey.

Each module covers everything you could cover and it is a good balance between lectures, excursions, labwork, presentations and reports. You will do everything together but you will be graded separately.

The last two questions

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

I loved the combination of theory and practice. And working with people from different countries and backgrounds was challenging but at the same time enriching. The flora and fauna is amazing and people at the university are so friendly.

Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?

Studying abroad is the best way to get to know a new country and culture (apart from moving there). If you are interested, do it. I have never studied abroad where you could see and learn so many new things in such a short period of time.

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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