

# STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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## BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**
- Study programme: **H 066 418**
2. Host university: **UNALM**  
Host country: **Perú**
3. Your period  
of stay: from **13 march 2023** to **15 july 2023**  
Study year: **SS2023**

## 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	3
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	5
Curricula	2
Host university	4
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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Listening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
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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.) Spanish	80 %	3.)	%
2.) English	20 %	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**

I fell in love with Perú. It has a lot to offer, culture and nature wise. Lima is a nice but very big city, and there are areas which should be avoided. (But in these areas is not a lot to do anyway.) People are very friendly and helpful and will warn you if you are about to enter a dangerous area. So in the end you shouldn't be worried too much if you are just a little bit more careful than usually. The districts to go are Miraflores and Barranco.

For the country: Machu Picchu and the whole Cusco area is definitely a must. If you like hiking I would recommend to go to Huaraz where you can do multi-day treks. Arequipa and the Colca Canyon is also amazing to visit.

**8. Host university**

The university is amazingly beautiful since you study basically in nature. I like to describe it as a big park. There is a lot to see since the university spans over a huge area. There are cows, horses, avocado crops, a little forest just to mention a few.

In the beginning it is a bit confusing to find the way to the classroom but after some days you will find your way.

There are cultural and sport course offers. I would recommend to at least try one, you are not obligatory to finish.

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

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

Boku: Kyrill Sattlberger  
UNALM: Angel

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

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

The application process is a lot of work, you should be prepared for that.  
 The financial support is obviously not sufficient for the whole stay, so you need a little bit of extra money on the side. But the living costs are quite low, you can save some money depending on your lifestyle.  
 I also would like to mention that the Studienservice is not very supportive. Try to get the documents you need from them 100% correctly in order otherwise you will have a problem (and they don't care about any explanation).

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

As we know, Perú is not as developed as countries in Europe. You have to be prepared for water and power failures, crazy traffic and near death experiences while riding the bus (haha) - but you will love it (these situations strengthen the social cohesion).  
 People are really friendly and curious to get to know you.  
 Spanish is important, most of my teachers did not speak any English.

**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): 1700 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 253 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	170	€ / Month
Food	60	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	20	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	3	€ / Month
Study fees	0	€ / Month
Other:		€ / 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:**

It was interesting to see a different kind of studying than we have at Boku. I would more describe it beeing in school. You don't have a lot of freedom, weekly homeworks and tests. During the semester I understood that it is also quite competitive.

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

Peruvian people are amazingly friendly, helpful and interested in other people. It was a pleasure to get to know so much nice people. Even in the beginning of my stay, with language difficulties, people were eager to have a conversation with me.

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

I didn't have big problems during my stay. There were some small difficulties with the landlord and my phone got stolen in the night club (it's annoying but you have to be prepared for that.). At the univerisity there were no problems.

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?

There should be a language course offered at the host university.

It would be nice to have a deeper support during the whole application/organisation process.

## 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...

I attended 3 courses and 1 elective/sport course:

Bioquímica  
Recursos naturales del Perú  
Fisiología vegetal  
Capoeira

As already mentioned, the teaching method is different than what we know from Boku. It is obligatory to attend the lectures, you have weekly homeworks/presentations, essays and (in my case) about 5 exams/course.

This means you have to work a lot and the teachers don't treat you differently because you're an exchange student in the sense of academic performance. I think that's good and fair, but it can also lead to some frustration at some point since the workload is even higher when you're not that fluent in the language you study in. (They will just treat you differently because they are really happy that an international student is attending their class and teachers as well as students will show that. I got some thank you speeches in the end of the semester. haha)

My opinion about the way of studying: I am not sure if this is better than the more "free" way what we have at Boku. Sometimes I felt being back at school. I think it doesn't encourage to really think and reflect.

Also, I can really recommend to take an elective/sports class. They are free and you have the chance to learn something new.

## The last two questions

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

I got to know so much amazing people, peruvians and people from all over the world and made memories with them.

One of my favourite parts was to experience the culture of Perú. Was it hiking for four days to see Machu Picchu or eating ceviche or other peruvian dishes with friends. (Perú has one of the best cuisines in south america!)

Another thing that might seem rather small but I really enjoyed having the best avocados and mangos every day :D

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

The workload at the UNALM is quite high. I would suggest to not take too many courses.

Language: In my case there were some protests and it wasn't sure if I can go. I just got the approval shortly before the uni began. If there would have been more time, I would have came 3 weeks before and made an intensive language course. A solid fundament of spanish would have made my stay a lot easier.

## 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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