

Erfahrungsbericht Auslandspraktikum

Angaben zum Auslandspraktikum

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Vorbereitung

The preparation for my Erasmus+ internship at Universidad Loyola was a structured and well-coordinated process that combined strategic planning with strong institutional support. I first defined clear academic and professional objectives aligned with my Master's studies in Hydrogen Technology, ensuring that the internship would contribute meaningfully to my expertise in renewable and sustainable energy systems. The application process involved completing the Learning Agreement for Traineeships. The International Offices of both the sending and receiving institutions provided significant assistance throughout this process by guiding me through Erasmus+ requirements, supporting documentation preparation, clarifying credit recognition, and assisting with administrative and funding procedures. Their continuous communication and structured guidance ensured that all formalities were completed accurately and on time, enabling a smooth transition into my international internship experience.

Unterkunft

During my Erasmus+ internship at Universidad Loyola, I arranged my accommodation independently. I began searching well in advance through online housing platforms and student networks to secure a suitable place in Sevilla. When selecting the accommodation, I considered factors such as proximity to the university, accessibility to public transportation, living costs, and a conducive study environment. Organizing the housing myself strengthened my planning and decision-making skills, improved my financial management, and enhanced my independence in an international setting. This experience also helped me adapt quickly to the local environment and culture.

Praktikum im Gastunternehmen

The internship focused on academic and practical engagement within the field of hydrogen purification technologies. My main responsibilities included supporting research-related tasks, conducting technical analysis, reviewing scientific literature, and contributing to ongoing energy-related projects. The most recommendable areas for future interns are departments connected to renewable energy integration, energy systems modeling, and sustainability research, as they provide strong interdisciplinary exposure and practical relevance. Through the internship, I developed both technical and professional competencies. I enhanced my analytical and research skills, gained experience in international academic collaboration, and improved my ability to communicate technical concepts in a multicultural environment. Furthermore, working within a Spanish academic context broadened my intercultural understanding and adaptability. Overall, the internship provided valuable learning effects by bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application and strengthening my readiness for future roles in the renewable energy and hydrogen sectors.

Alltag und Freizeit

During my internship at Universidad Loyola, daily life was well balanced between academic responsibilities and cultural exploration. Within the institution, contact with colleagues and supervisors was easily accessible through regular meetings, collaborative research discussions, and informal exchanges. The working environment was open and supportive, which encouraged professional interaction and knowledge sharing. Outside the university, I connected with other Erasmus+ students and international interns through social activities, university events, and student networks. This helped me build meaningful intercultural friendships and expand my professional network across different disciplines. Sevilla offers a rich cultural and historical atmosphere. During my stay, I explored major landmarks such as the Seville Cathedral, Plaza de España, Real Alcázar, and Metropol Parasol. Experiencing traditional Andalusian culture, local cuisine, and the vibrant city life was an essential part of my stay. I also recommend visiting nearby cities such as Córdoba and Granada to gain a broader impression of southern Spain's history and architecture. These experiences significantly enriched my mobility period beyond the academic dimension.

Fazit

Overall, the Erasmus+ internship was an exceptionally valuable academic and personal experience. The best aspect was the opportunity to work in an international academic environment while immersing myself in Spanish culture. The intercultural exchange, professional networking, and exposure to different research perspectives were particularly enriching.

One of the main challenges was adapting to administrative procedures and communication styles in a new country, especially during the initial phase. However, overcoming these challenges strengthened my adaptability, independence, and problem-solving skills.