

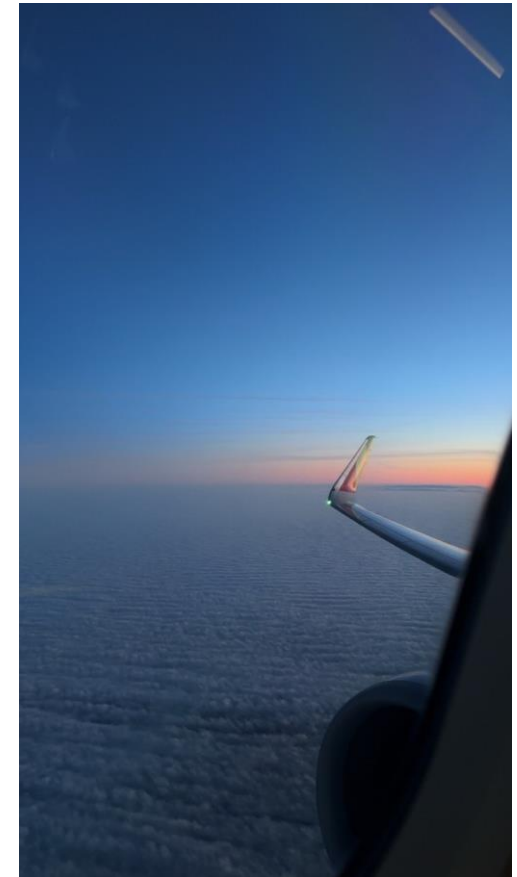
ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT AUSLANDSSTUDIUM

ANGABEN ZUM AUSLANDSSTUDIUM

- **Partnerhochschule, Land** – Universidad Loyola, Spanien
- **Zeitraum** – SoSe 2026
- **Fakultät und Studiengang** – ING, Mechatronik
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VORBEREITUNG

The planning began roughly a year in advance starting with the preference of partner-universities. The previously used platform “Mobility-Online” had simple step-by-step instructions on submission of forms and certificates before, during and after the exchange study period. After receiving a spot in one of the chosen universities, I received subsequent emails from the university stating the necessary steps to be followed and documents to be submitted.



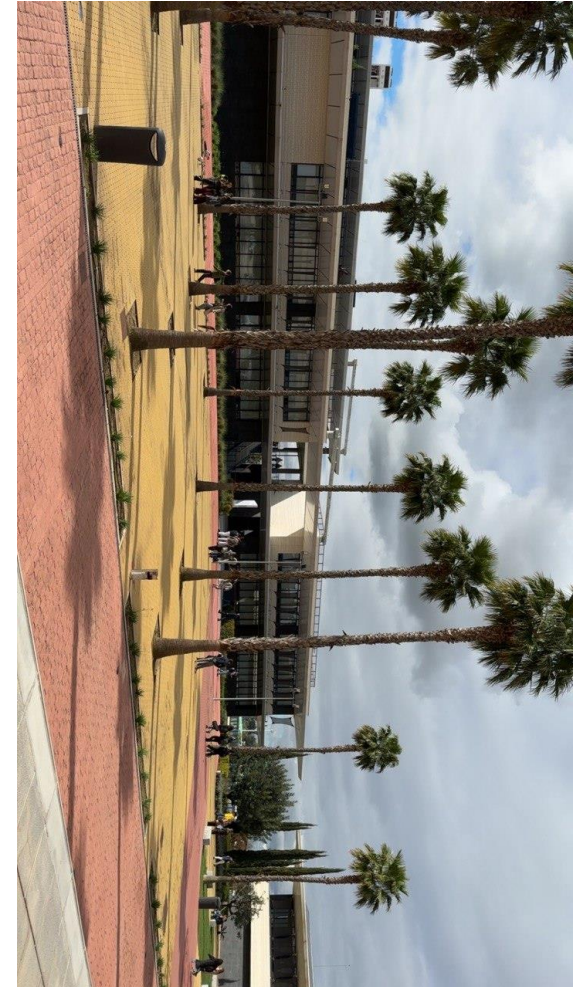
UNTERKUNFT

I lived in a WG, a private room in an apartment. There are plenty agencies and WhatsApp groups specifically designated for students to find an accommodation during their exchange period. Fortunately, I found my place one month before my departure to Sevilla. The apartment was completely furnished and consisted of 3 rooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a balcony and a living room. The rent was a decent 400eur per month including all utility costs. The university was a bit far from the city but thanks to the well-connected public transportation, it was rather easy to get there with the metro and a small bus ride. The rest of the city is easily discoverable with public transport, on foot or on a bicycle as well. A metro stop, multiple bus stops and supermarkets were within short walking distances of the apartment. Getting from the airport to the apartment was rather simple. One could either use a bus which stops at multiple locations throughout city or simply take a cab.

STUDIUM AN DER GASTHOCHSCHULE

The university offers a quite “modern” and equipped infrastructure. It offers plentiful laboratories, a sports complex and a gaming room among others. Students enjoy a large cafeteria as well, with options to sit inside, on the patio, or on the large staircase in front of the cafeteria on beanbags. You can bring your own food and heat it in one of the many microwaves provided downstairs. **Pro-tip, get a Jamon Bocadillo and a café con Leche as the classic Spanish breakfast ;)** Apart from that, there are seating areas with vending and coffee machines on each floor in each building where you can just spend time with friends or in solitude. The campus as a whole is rather huge and although I cannot mention all the features here, one can definitely check it out on their website.

I attended four courses, namely Power Electronics, Machine Control and Electric Drive, Automatic Control and International Marketing Strategies. Although not all subjects were a 100% match for my courses at THRO, they were similar enough in content and were discussed with the Head of my department, Dr. Christian Meierlohr. However, International Marketing Strategies was attempted and completed out of sheer curiosity and an inclination towards Business Studies.



Lastly, I highly recommend discussing eligible subjects with your Head of department and respective professors such that, the subjects that you wish to attend at the partner institution would be recognised by your home institution in order to receive the ECTS.



ALLTAG UND FREIZEIT

As far as the partner institution is concerned, we are provided with the contact for the International Office. Most of the information is conveyed in advance via emails. Other doubts and questions can be communicated via email or call to the person of contact.

There are innumerable things that one can do in Sevilla. Be it parks, restaurants, cafes, neighbourhoods, monuments, etc; there is plenty to see and do. Some things to not miss are, having a picnic by the river Guadalquivir and in Parque de Maria Luisa, exploring Mercadona for some typical and beloved Spanish snacks and taking day trips to the beaches nearby. The Spanish cuisine is something one can never get enough of. So, make sure you experience plenty of it. It does not require me to mention Spanish wines; they speak for themselves. If you cannot find a good Spanish wine to relish, you do not belong near wine.

Sevilla is also a paradise for people who love nightlife. With its many bars, clubs and pubs, you can party each night of the week. Additionally, as an Erasmus student, you will have a selection of curated evenings to choose from; be it Karaoke, a student mixer or simply clubbing.

FAZIT

The only bad experience to expect is checking your bank account after a night of partying LOL. Otherwise, all experiences to be had are only going to add to your list of reasons to visit Sevilla again. The friends you make will make you want to never leave Sevilla and the experiences you have would be etched in your memory forever. An exchange semester in Spain would be like none other. I urge everybody to do it at least once, lest you want to miss out on something truly mesmerising in life.

