



Exchange Experience Reports

Technical University of Berlin, Germany

Host University Evaluation

Reports

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

- It was better!
- Pretty similar
- It was much worse

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Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

The course I took was a seminar course and it way more engaging than the seminar course I took at McGill. I had multiple field trips where we had a significant opportunity to engage and learn on spot.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Developing a learning journal, which served as a course diary that students would fill in every day to reflect on the things they learned, saw, read about, and discussed during the course.

Making a presentation about a technology from home.

Decontaminating and conducting a newly developed building block, which a group project that detailed steps on how to run an engaging class on a chosen topic (e.g. Gender, Diversity and Technology)

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfair
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Complicated
<input type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand
<input type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill

Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Very satisfied, everything was clear	<input type="radio"/> Pretty satisfied
<input type="radio"/> I was able to figure things out, but it took some time	<input type="radio"/> Pretty confusing
<input type="radio"/> Very confusing, I was lost	

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The website provided pretty good information. Also, the brochures and guides and instructions sent before the program were helpful.

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What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

I was at TU Berlin in the summer time so I didn't get to see the real campus life because the majority of their students were off. Pretty similar to McGill in general with minor differences.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I had a friend living in Berlin who offered me to stay at his place. I think it's challenging to find an affordable spot in Berlin for a short period. I know other students stayed at Airbnbs or hostels that were recommended by the host university.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Make it and register early to every single activity they offer as they fill up quickly. It's a lot of fun and enriching, especially the museum trips.

The water fountains on campus aren't the culture there. Make sure to always take your water bottle with you. It's hotter in Berlin than in Montreal.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Stay close to campus because Berlin is pretty big, otherwise you'd need to change public multiple transportation methods.

You'll definitely need to use more cash than you do in Canada. Always have some cash on you.

The city closes on Sundays including grocery stores and malls. Shop on other days. Food is cheap there so better you cook to save money for other things

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