

EHRFAHRUNGSBERICHT ERASMUS IN REGGIO DI CALABRIA

Im folgenden Bericht werde ich auf meine Erfahrungen des vergangenen Auslandssemesters im Rahmen des Erasmus Programmes eingehen und Erläutern was vor und Während eines Auslandsaufenthalts zu beachten ist.

During my semester abroad in Reggio di Calabria, Italy, I attended the Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria where I studied Italian language and Business, as well as elective courses in Economic History and agrifood economics. I received support from both my home university in Freiburg, Germany, and my host university in Italy throughout the enrollment and registration process, as well as finding accommodation and attending pre-departure orientation sessions. In Italy, I had to adjust to the local dialect spoken in Calabria and visited an extra language Course. The cost of living was lower than in many other European cities, and I found the public transportation system to be reliable and affordable. The host university provided cultural activities, and there were plenty of leisure activities available in the city and its surroundings. I also received assistance with academic questions, housing issues, and other practical matters. I didn't have to prepare much for my stay abroad because Italy is an EU country and doesn't have many restrictions. Before the trip, I would apply for an internationally usable credit card with which you can withdraw money abroad for free. Often there are premium credit cards for about 10 euros which also usually include an international health insurance and travel cancellation insurance. The implementation of my study plan went smoothly. The courses offered there are also calculated in ECTS points, which simplifies the crediting in Freiburg. Locally, I can highly recommend taking the city train down the coast of Calabria to see the beautiful little towns.

In summary, Reggio di Calabria can only be recommended. A mixture of a sunny vacation and, despite this, the possibility to collect a relatively large number of ECTS points at the university.