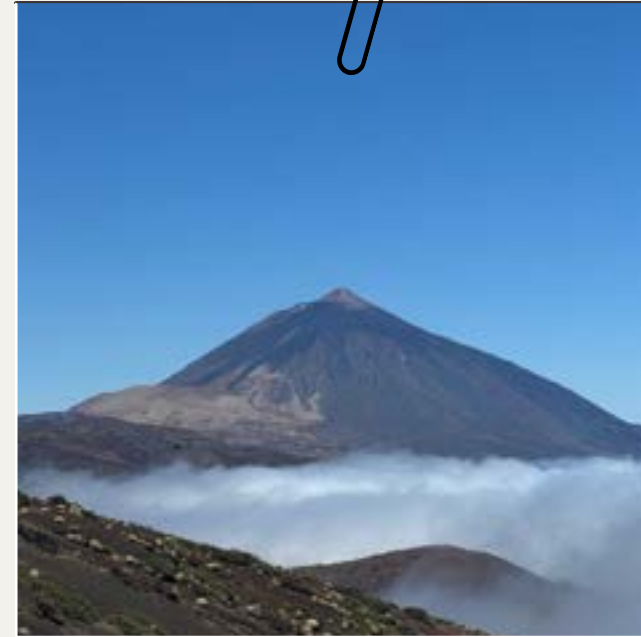


TDS GOES ABROAD!

**A BROCHURE FILLED WITH
INSIGHTS INTO THE SEMESTERS
ABROAD OF OUR TDS STUDENTS**



BERGAMO

UNIVERSITY OF BERGAMO/ ITALY
MASTER'S PROGRAM: PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF TOURISM SYSTEMS





STUDYING IN BERGAMO

Student Experience Overview

- Host University: University of Bergamo
- Country: Italy
- Program: Planning and Management of Tourism Systems
- Overall Impression: A great place for students interested in sustainable tourism, with amazing travel opportunities across Italy



Application & Preparation

- The application process is simple and handled online
- You can adjust your Learning Agreement after courses start
- Start looking for accommodation early—it fills up fast!

Finding Accommodation

- Best areas: Città Bassa (modern city) or near the business campus
- Housing can be competitive, so use Facebook groups and ESN housing options
- Some flats have strict rules—check before signing

University & Academic Life

- Courses focus on social and environmental aspects of tourism
- Exams are more theory-based, so past exam questions are helpful
- Professors have strong international experience

STUDYING IN BERGAMO

Your Erasmus Adventure in Bergamo IT

Spend a semester at the Università degli Studi di Bergamo through the Erasmus+ program and enjoy both academic and personal growth in one of Italy's most charming cities

Key Points:

- **Duration:** 1 semester (typically 5 months)
- **Language:** Courses available in English and Italian
- **Fields of Study:** Business, Economics, Engineering, etc.
- **Credits:** Transferable ECTS (check with your coordinator)
- No tuition fees at host university
- Monthly Erasmus grant available

Earn a Double Degree – Two Countries, Two Diplomas 🎓🌍

Go one step further with the Double Degree program and graduate with diplomas from both the Hochschule Stralsund and the Università degli Studi di Bergamo.

Key Points:

- **Duration:** 2 semesters in Bergamo
- **Degrees awarded:** Bachelor of Arts from HOST and Laurea from UniBG
- **Eligibility:** Usually 4th–6th semester, depending on your study plan
- **Language:** Some courses in English – Italian proficiency helpful
- **Thesis:** Often written abroad, jointly supervised

 [More info here \(HOST Double Degree Page\)](#)



STUDYING IN BERGAMO

Lifestyle & Culture

- Cost of Living: Affordable, with student discounts available (Lidl and Aldi are budget-friendly grocery stores)
- Transport: ATB buses, bike-sharing (LaBiGi), and trains make weekend trips to Milan, Venice, and beyond super easy
- Best Activities: Explore Lake Como, Verona, and Florence on weekends!



Challenges & Tips

- Some courses aren't testable before finalizing your Learning Agreement
- You need to complete a questionnaire before booking exams—don't forget!
- Joining Erasmus events (ESN & AEGEE) is a great way to meet people



Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- ✓ Perfect for students who love sustainable tourism and cultural studies.
- ✓ Great for travel lovers—so many destinations nearby!
- ⚠ Expect a more theoretical approach to exams and some bureaucracy.

REYKJAVÍK

REYKJAVÍK UNIVERSITY (RU), ICELAND





STUDYING IN REYKJAVÍK

Student Experience Overview

- Safe, open, welcoming environment
- Small, modern university
- Close student-professor relationships
- Great for nature lovers & independent learners
- International atmosphere, English widely spoken



Application & Preparation

- Apply early for Erasmus+ funding
- No Icelandic required
- English sufficient for studies and daily life
- Pack warm, waterproof clothing & hiking gear
- Flights & travel can be expensive

Finding Accommodation

- No student dorms
- Shared flats common
- Rent: ~600–800 €/month
- Use Facebook groups, rent.is, leigulistinn.is
- Start search early – housing is competitive

University & Academic Life

- Courses in Business, IT, Engineering
- English-taught programs
- Small classes, project-based learning
- Emphasis on independence & self-management
- Helpful, approachable lecturers



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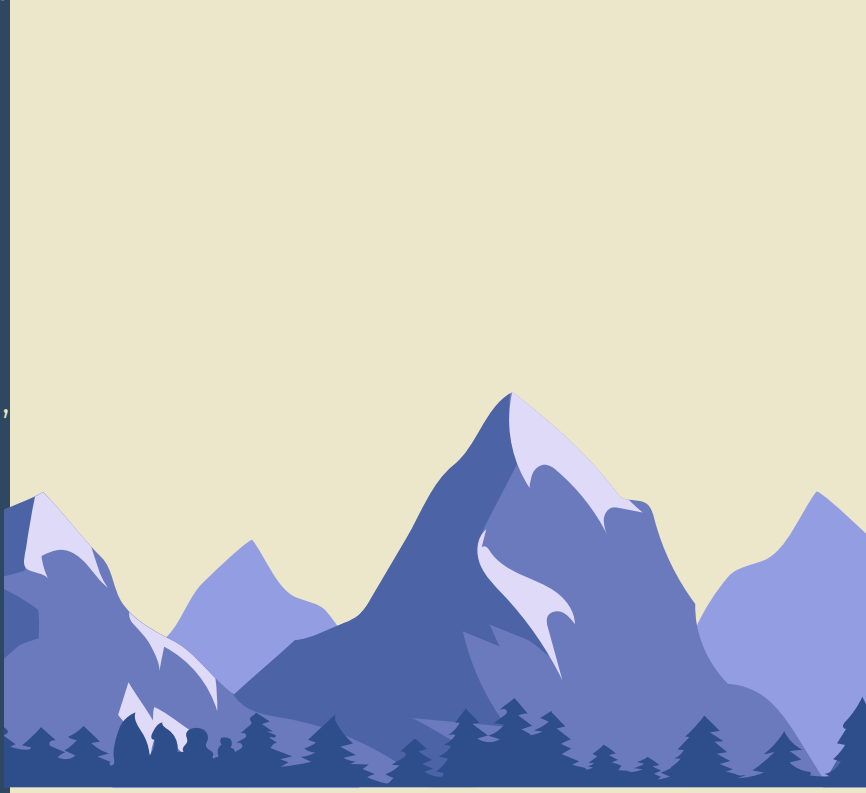
Lifestyle & Culture

- Reykjavík: compact, student-friendly city
- Reliable public transport
- Nature trips: waterfalls, hot springs, hiking
- Strong ESN network
- Locals friendly, fluent in English
- High-quality of life



Challenges & Tips

- High cost of living – budget carefully
- No on-campus meals – cook at home
- Weather: unpredictable, windy, cold
- Academic system less structured – self-discipline needed
- Start flat hunt early



Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- Rewarding experience for independent students
- Ideal for outdoor lovers
- Be financially and mentally prepared
- Take advantage of nature & international student life
- Definitely worth it despite higher expenses

TENERIFE

UNIVERSIDAD DE LA LAGUNA, TENERIFE, SPAIN





STUDYING ON TENERIFE

Student Experience Overview

- Host University: Universidad de La Laguna (ULL)
- Country: Spain
- Program: Tourism Development Strategies
- Semester: Winter Semester 2024/2025
- Overall Impression: Tenerife is an incredible place to live, but the university's Erasmus organization could be better



Application & Preparation

- The application was easy and done entirely online
- Spanish B1-B2 is recommended—though the local dialect can still be tricky!
- Connecting with other HOST students going to Tenerife is super helpful

Finding Accommodation

- Housing can be tough to find—use the Idealista app for private rentals
- Student dorms are unreliable in responding to applications
- Many students book an Airbnb first and look for housing after arrival

University & Academic Life

- Great course content, but Erasmus organization is a bit chaotic
- There's no central contact person, which can be frustrating
- Master's classes are small, and the dialect makes participation harder

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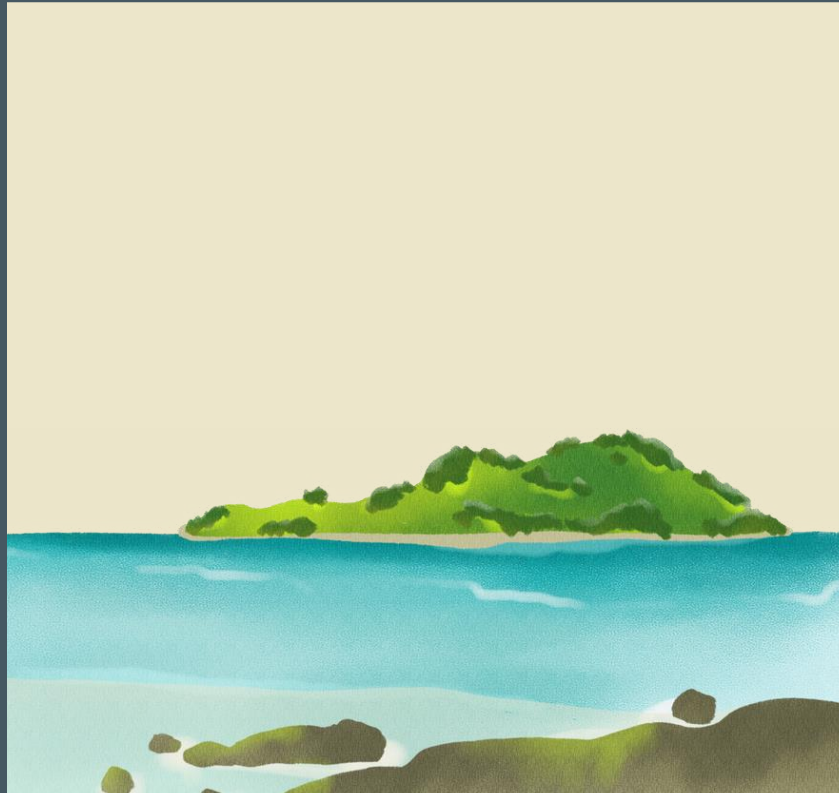
Lifestyle & Culture

- Cost of Living: Affordable, though housing can be pricey
- Transport: Buses (“Guaguas”) and trams make it easy to get around
- Best Activities: Beach days, hiking, and the famous Carnival in February!



Challenges & Tips

- Start looking for an apartment early—it can be stressful
- Even with good Spanish, the dialect takes time to get used to
- Join WhatsApp groups to connect with other Erasmus students



Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- ✓ Amazing for students who love outdoor adventures and warm weather
- ✓ Great for independent students who don't mind a bit of disorganization
- ⚠ Not ideal if you're looking for structured Erasmus support or all-English courses

Tenerife (Puerto de la Cruz)

Universidad Iriarte



Studying in Tenerife

Student Experience Overview

- Host University: Universidad Iriarte
- Country: Spain
- Program: fully in English and online
- Spanish language courses offered twice a week (Level A & B)
- Overall impression: a perfect place for a semester abroad with a tourist vibe and many opportunities to travel. Leave the cold German winter behind and enjoy the nice, warm weather!

Finding accommodation

- Best area: directly in the city centre
- Housing is relatively expensive due to the touristic location
- Budget approx. €500–600 per month for a room in a shared apartment
- Cheaper living is possible in La Laguna or Santa Cruz
- Use: idealista or through the university



Student life

- International and intercultural study environment
- Easy to connect with other Erasmus students - Approx. 250 students, about 50% Erasmus students
- PuertoActive-WhatsApp groups for sports, social activities, and events - perfect for meeting people
- International environment with travelers and remote workers
- Occasional opportunities to connect with local residents
- International and intercultural study environment



Challenges & Tips

get the Trajeta Verde to go by bus for free on the Island - have 75 % Rabatt for travelling to the mainland and other canary islands - reduced entrance for some activities

Guadeloupe

Université des Antilles



Studying on Guadeloupe



Student Experience Overview

- Country: France (overseas department)
- English not spoken mostly, french skills necessary, understanding créole is difficult
- Car very helpful, affordable if shared
- Some areas (Pointe-à-Pitre) not safe, awareness important

Application & Preparation

- takes time, very chaotic
- DELF B2 is obligatory
- Connecting with other Erasmus students in advance very helpful
- Flights expensive

Finding Accomodation

- No student dorms available for Erasmus
- Useful recommendations for housing given by IO, facebook, former Erasmus students
- Le Gosier safer and nicer than Pointe-à-Pitre

University & Academic Life

- few Erasmus students, mostly germans, belgians
- Tourism Master is an evening school, its possible to attend other courses from Bachelor and economics in general
- continuous exams, even 2 weeks after arriving possible

Studying on Guadeloupe

Lifestyle & Culture

- nature trips: waterfalls, hiking, beaches, kayaking, snorkeling, surfing, diving
- Sport classes are nice and free
- carnaval culturally important
- african (créol) culture more dominant than South american or european influence



Challenges & Tips

- 1. Semester (07-12) offers more courses/ 2. Semester (01-06) best time to travel
- Speaking french improves fast, if there is interaction with locals
- PTP isn't a good hub for trips to South America, but Cruises in Caribbean possible



Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- Additional semester is more attractive, ECTS recognition might be difficult
- Semester clashes with german exam period
- Everything is going to take more time in Guadeloupe compared to germany

Sardinia (Olbia)

Università degli Studi di Sassari





Studying in the Sardines

Student Experience Overview

- Host University: Università degli Studi di Sassari
- Country: Italy
- Program: Innovation Management for Sustainable Tourism
- Overall impression: An environment in which very independent students and island life lovers can have a great study experience.



Application & Preparation

- The entire application process is done online.
- UNISS offers free online Italian courses (A1/A2 and B1)
- Limited flights during off season

Finding accommodation

- Student dorm (GeoVillage) outside of city centre and not close to the university
- Finding your own accommodation can be difficult
- Use: idealista, immobiliare
- Best area: directly in the city centre

University & Academic Life

- The master focuses on sustainable tourism
- The campus is inside the airport
- Very small master courses



Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- Sardinia's nature is breathtaking. Beautiful beaches all around.
- Not your typical Erasmus experience
- Would only recommend for independent students who are outgoing since social life requires initiative.

Lifestyle & Culture

- Favourite activity: beach days
- Public Transport: good in/around Olbia; but longer routes take a long time
- No Erasmus events in Olbia (ESN events organized at main campus in Sassari)
- Quite during winter, busy during summer.

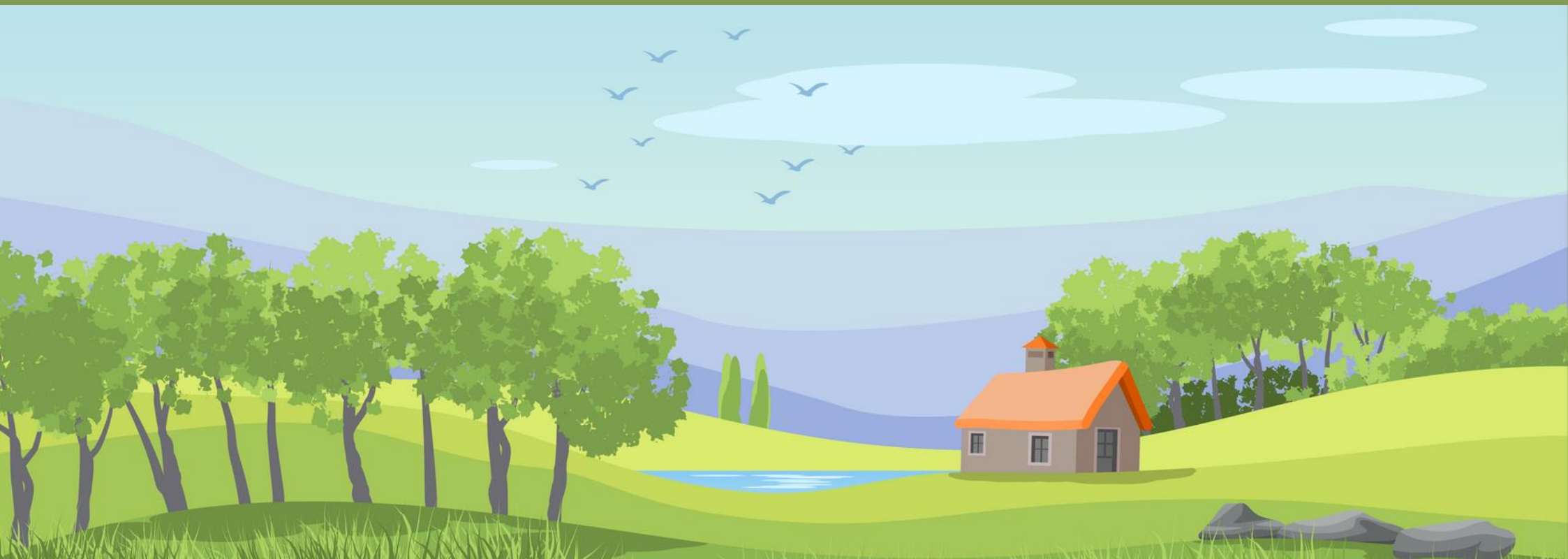
Challenges & Tips

- Finding accommodation can be tricky. Start your search ASAP.
- Having a basic level of Italian is very helpful.



DALARNA

UNIVERSITY OF DALARNA, SWEDEN



STUDYING IN DALARNA

Application & Preparation

- Application accepted by Dalarna University
- Participation in the course arranged individually
- Course duration: 20 January – 28 March (Week 13)
- Semester duration: 20 January – early June
- Exams at HOST could have been taken in Sweden with coordination
- Early planning between both universities recommended

Student Experience Overview

- Planned Erasmus semester for master's thesis (summer semester)
- Intended course: “Theory and Research Methods” (Master level)
- Equivalent to “Scientific Training” at HOST, but with more ECTS
- Course designed as thesis preparation

Finding Accommodation

- Student housing available in Falun and Borlänge
- Campuses ~20 minutes apart by public transport
- Important to check campus location of your courses
- Early dorm registration needed – limited spots
- Housing website partly only in Swedish

University & Academic Life

- Course is part of full master's program
- Not typically listed for exchange students – required special permission
- Participation mandatory from first week
- Higher workload and ECTS compared to HOST equivalent

STUDYING IN DALARNA

Challenges & Tips

- Semester start may clash with German exam period
- No late entry possible for this course
- Early accommodation search essential
- Confirm ECTS recognition and course availability in advance
- Be aware of logistical challenges between campuses

Lifestyle & Culture

- Quiet towns, surrounded by nature
- Student life split across two campuses
- International student support available
- Structured and organized academic system

Final Thoughts & Recommendations

- Valuable option for master thesis preparation
- Best suited for well-organized students
- Early coordination and planning are key
- Check academic calendars and accommodation availability early

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EXPLORE OUR WORLDWIDE NETWORK!

What you can do:

Internships, study one or two semesters abroad, short-term mobilities, stays inside and outside of Europe

Funding:

Erasmus+, Erasmus+ worldwide, PROMOS
Get support via outgoing@hochschule-stralsund.de

More information:

Website “HOST International - Heading Out”