



Relazione di fine scambio

Scuola del Design

Informazioni generiche

Anno Accademico di Scambio:	2019-2020	Nome della Sede in scambio:	RTU-Riga Technical University
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Corso di Studio:	Interior and Spatial Design	Tipo di scambio: (Semplice o Doppia Laurea)	Semplice
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Racconta la tua esperienza di scambio:

I would like to start saying that my experience was shorter than normal, due to the Coronavirus emergency, only to specify. However it was overall a great experience, talking about the university in itself as well the new people I have met. In general, I liked the lessons at RTU, even if at the beginning everything seemed a bit confused; I can say now that was part of the real "Latvian style": I have indeed learned that Latvians like to take everything with calm and in a relaxed way, university timetables included. Or maybe it was only because I am used to the rush of Politecnico, I don't know! I could experiment some practical courses such as Painting and Drawing that I really liked (it was something new for me), beside the "normal" courses based on projects and surveys. If I have to find something I didn't like too much about university was the fact not to be merged with Latvian students, instead they kept us separated as an "erasmus group" for most of the time. So I couldn't meet anyone "local" apart from a couple of friends that I met outside of the university and a few professors very nice and helpful with us. Latvians, as people, are really nice with foreigners, although communication can be a bit difficult sometimes cause not all of them know English very well (especially elderly people or the workers in supermarkets or postal offices), but they will always try to help you in some way. In general, I think they like the fact that these "exchange affairs" with students are expanding also through Latvia, I had the feeling that is still something relatively new for them, compared, for example, to an environment as Politecnico, already international since years (I am personally used, from the first day of lesson here, to have as group partners/classmates people from all around the world). Talking about the city, Riga, I think it is simply beautiful. If you like the northern style, with pretty buildings in bricks that seem gingerbread houses, this is the city for you. I loved the Old Town, but also the new part of the city on the other side of the river, where is located the Faculty of Architecture of RTU. Living here was quite cheap, especially talking about food and transportations (for a trip to Jurmala, the most famous beach, the coast for the train ticket will be around 2 euro for 30 minutes). Last thing I could talk about is surely the weather: I have stayed in Riga from January 2020 to April 2020, so I enjoyed only the cool winter. And yes, it is cold, but nothing unbearable. The only thing I had to get familiar with was the number of light hours during the day, quite lower compared to Italy, I have to admit. In general, I liked it a lot.

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