Relazione di fine scambio

Scuola del Design

Istruzioni

Indicare di seguito tutte le informazioni che possano essere utili ad altri studenti che parteciperanno a uno scambio. Preferibilmente in lingua inglese, lunghezza min. 2500 parole + possibili immagini, file di max. dimensione 2 MB in formato PDF. Questo documento sarà pubblicato nel sito web della Scuola.

Informazioni generiche

Anno Accademico di Scambio:	A.A 2019/2020	Nome della Sede in scambio:	Chalmes University of Technology
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Corso di Studio:	PSSD	Tipo di scambio: (Semplice o Doppia Laurea)	Semplice
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Racconta la tua esperienza di scambio:

Hej :)

I am Carlotta Ritella and I lived my Erasmus experience at Chalmers University in Sweden (spring term). Despite the outbreak of the pandemic, my experience has been satisfactory because Sweden has not taken any restrictive measures.
Before I arrived in this fantastic region I had to look for a house, Gothenburg is a wonderful city, but when it comes to finding a
the matter becomes very complicated. There are sites recommended by universities like www.chalmersstudentbostader.se or Boplats. After a short period of discouragement I was quite lucky to find an ad on Facebook and then I lived in a private apartment with other students.

Regarding the university, everything is really very simple and the integration process is easy. In fact in the first week there will be the welcome day and you will be invited to participate in the project "Phadder Group". held by CIRC - Chalmers International
Reception group. By joining the project you will be assigned to a group of Erasmus young people just arrived in Sweden like you, with a Phadder in charge (equivalent to our Buddies).
That will help you discover the campus and the city itself. In the first 4 weeks will come organize lots of activities that will give you the chance to discover Gothenburg andget to know the people you'll be sharing this experience with better.
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Right from the start I felt at home and Chalmers is a fantastic university the campus offers everything: study rooms, pub, chill rooms, sauna, swimming pool and access to university spaces and guaranteed 24/24, this allows you to enjoy university life with your group of friends. The semester is divided into two parts theoretically there are two courses for each of them. In my case I only attended three courses: Design for Experience, Research Design and Methods, and Social Innovation and Enterpreneurship.
Unfortunately, because of Covid, I only attended one course, the other two were online. But despite this I can say that the professors are very helpful, the classes are active and a lot of reflection and dialogue is required during the lesson. As far as my experience is concerned, the courses are dealt with with a much more systematic than ours, and with clear theoretical bases that are held in consideration during project development. From a certain point of given, of course, the degree of creativity that we are driven to develop here - at Polimi – comes less so, because Chalmers is a technical university.

Life in Sweden is certainly more expensive than in Italy, but it offers you a lot of services and experiences, especially I was able to reconnect with nature and sport. As far as the climate is concerned it's certainly colder but still mild, being Gothenburg a city in the south of Sweden. During the winter there are many hours of darkness, but as soon as spring arrives, the Swedes go out in the street, organize barbecues, parties and a lot of fun. The city is reborn and the days are quickly getting longer, until you arrive in June without even remembering the cold, staying on the lake and having fun until you get to midnight. Because in Sweden, in June, the sun sets at 11.30.

What can I say about my experience, even if it was "special", and I would advise everyone to apply for an Erasmus in Sweden, a culturally different country that offers you so much.

For any info please contact me by email! :)

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