**BERICHTSFORMULAR**

Non-EU Student Exchange Program

2022/2023

**BewerbungsID**: 13045

**Nominierte Studienrichtung**: 066/974 Studienrichtung Masterstudium Banking and Finance

**Angaben zum Aufenthalt**:

**Gastinstitution**: Macquarie University - (Australien)

**Aufenthaltszeitraum**: WS 2022/2023

**Aufenthaltsbeginn**: 18.07.2022  
**Aufenthaltsende**: 28.11.2022

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### STIPENDIUM

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Rückforderung: nein

Rückgeforderter Betrag: €

Rückforderungsgrund: 

- **Weitere Stipendien (zB Jasso, Studienbeihilfe):**

  - Nein

- **Stipendium des Gastlandes:** nein

- **Bundesländerstipendium:** nein

- **Studienbeihilfe:** nein

- **Sonstiges Stipendium:**

**Summe weiterer Stipendien:** €

**Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:** € 2,700,00

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### KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS

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**Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:** € 11,650,00

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**Bericht veröffentlichen**:✅
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BERICHT ÜBER DEN STUDIENAUFENTHALT

The host university, Macquarie University, was a significant part of my study abroad experience. The campus was vast and had a beautiful atmosphere. I found the people to be friendly and welcoming, which made me feel comfortable during my stay. However, one of the biggest drawbacks was that the library was always crowded, especially with high school students who often made it difficult to study. Despite this, I appreciated the university's efforts to create a hybrid model of teaching that allowed students to take classes online as well. This made it easier to manage my coursework, especially during the pandemic. One of the most significant benefits of attending Macquarie University was the range of courses that were available to me. However, the quality of teaching varied, and I faced some challenges with certain teachers who lacked English proficiency or knowledge about their course material. Overall, my experience at Macquarie University was positive, and I appreciated the opportunities it provided me to learn and grow as an international student.

During my semester abroad at Macquarie University, I found the courses to be a mixed experience. While the university offered a wide range of courses, the quality of teaching varied greatly. Some of the teachers did not possess a sufficient level of English proficiency to teach effectively, which made it difficult to understand the course material. Furthermore, some teachers did not have enough knowledge about the courses they were teaching, which made it difficult to engage with them on a deeper level. However, the university's hybrid model of teaching, with every course available online, made it easier to manage my studies. Despite these challenges, I was able to complete my coursework successfully. The university assigned a lot of assignments, which took up a considerable amount of time, but the exams were easy. Another drawback of the courses was that since most of my lectures were online, and even the group projects were done online, I had limited contact with students who were studying the same thing as me. Overall, while I appreciate the range of courses available at Macquarie University, I believe the quality of teaching needs to be improved to make the experience better for international students.

During my semester at Macquarie University, I found the exams to be relatively easy compared to the assignments I was given. However, the university assigned a lot of assignments, which took up a considerable amount of time. While the exams were easy, I did find them to be somewhat repetitive and lacking in creativity. Additionally, some of the questions were poorly written and ambiguous, which made it challenging to know what was being asked. Despite these issues, I appreciated that the university provided ample study resources, including practice exams.
and review sessions. This made it easier to prepare for the exams and feel confident going into them. Overall, while I would have liked to see more creative and challenging exam questions, I believe that the university's focus on providing study resources was a positive aspect of the exams section.

One of the biggest drawbacks of my semester abroad at Macquarie University was the lack of contact I had with fellow students. Most of my lectures were online, and even the group projects were done virtually, which made it difficult to interact with others. As a result, I missed out on the opportunity to form close relationships with people who were studying the same thing as me. While I did meet a few students through extracurricular activities, it was challenging to connect with them due to the limited in-person opportunities. Additionally, the pandemic made it difficult to socialize in general, as many events were canceled, and social distancing measures were in place. Despite these challenges, I appreciated the efforts the university made to foster a sense of community among international students. The university provided various virtual events and resources to help international students adjust to their new environment, which made me feel more connected to the university as a whole. Overall, while I would have liked more opportunities to connect with fellow students in person, I appreciated the resources provided by the university to help me feel more connected to the community.

My accommodation during my semester abroad at Macquarie University was at the Macquarie University Village, and I have to say that I would not recommend this place to anyone. The main issue I faced was the high cost of living. The management was slow and unwilling to help, and the facilities were not up to the mark considering the price. While the staff was friendly, the overall experience was not satisfactory. I felt like I was paying a lot of money for what I was getting. I later found out that there were better accommodations available outside the dormitories, and students should try to look for them if possible. In hindsight, I would have liked to do more research about the accommodation options before arriving at Macquarie University. Overall, my experience with the accommodation was not great, and I believe there are better options available that students should consider.

During my semester abroad at Macquarie University, one of the main difficulties I faced was the high cost of living in Sydney. Australia is generally an expensive country to live in, and this was definitely reflected in the cost of food, transportation, and other necessities. As an international student, I also had to factor in the exchange rate, which made everything even more expensive. Additionally, the pandemic made things even more challenging, as many events and activities were canceled, and social distancing measures were in place. However, despite these difficulties, I found that Australia was a very welcoming and friendly country. The people were warm and hospitable, and the natural beauty of the country was truly breathtaking. I appreciated the efforts the university made to help international students adjust to their new environment and the various resources provided to assist with any difficulties we faced. Overall, while there were certainly some challenges during my semester abroad, I feel that the experience was ultimately rewarding and helped me to grow both personally and academically.

In conclusion, my semester abroad at Macquarie University was a mixed experience. While I had some challenges with the courses and accommodation, I appreciated the efforts the university made to provide a smooth transition for international students, especially during the pandemic. The hybrid model of teaching was convenient and doable, and the online resources provided by the university were helpful. Although I had limited contact with fellow students due to the online nature of the courses, I appreciated the resources provided by the university to help me feel more connected to the community. Despite the high cost of living in Sydney, I enjoyed the beauty of the country and the hospitality of its people. While I would have liked to have had a better experience with the courses and accommodation, I believe that my time at Macquarie University was a valuable learning experience that taught me how to adapt to new environments and overcome challenges. Overall, I am grateful for the opportunity to have studied at Macquarie University and to have experienced life in Australia.