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BewerbungsID 12989

Nominierte Studienrichtung: 066/824 Studienrichtung Masterstudium Politikwissenschaft

Angaben zum Aufenthalt:

Gastinstitution: Renmin University of China - (China, Volksrepublik)

Aufenthaltszeitraum: SS 2023

Aufenthaltsbeginn: 20.02.2023 **Aufenthaltsende:** 30.06.2023

STIPENDIUM	
Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt laut Zuerkennung: (inkl. Zuschüsse für Reisekosten und Sprachtest)	€ 2.000,00 Rückforderung: nein Rückgeforderter Betrag: € Rückforderungsgrund:
Weitere Stipendien (zB Jasso, Studienbeihilfe):	Weitere Stipendien: Nein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stipendium des Gastlandes: nein () • Bundesländerstipendium: nein • Studienbeihilfe: nein • Sonstiges Stipendium:
Summe weiterer Stipendien:	€ 0,00
Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:	€ 2.100,00

KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS	
Unterkunft:	€ 1.450,00
Art der Unterkunft:	Studierendenwohnheim
Reisekosten:	€ 2.000,00
Lebenshaltungskosten:	€ 3.000,00
Studienkosten:	€ 0,00
Versicherungskosten	€ 41,00
Visakosten:	€ 126,00
Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:	€ 10.000,00

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Verfassen Sie bitte einen persönlichen Bericht über den Studienaufenthalt

- **Mindestumfang:** Fließtext 1 Seite DinA4
- **Inhalt:** Gastuniversität, Kurse, Prüfungen, Mitstudierende, Unterkunft, etwaige Schwierigkeiten etc.

BERICHT ÜBER DEN STUDIENAUFENTHALT

Exchange Semester at Renmin University of China, Sommersemester 2023

I would highly recommend an exchange to China for anyone who is eager to learn from an entirely different culture and up for the challenge. My basic knowledge of Chinese made it easier to navigate the difficulties that came up at the very start of the semester, which are not to be underestimated. Lots of administration must be done, and the first two weeks are not easy. After that, life in China is easier than in Europe as long as you have a functional phone with you all the time.

University and courses:

The Renmin University of China is one of the best in China, foremost in the field of social and political sciences. The university is famous in all of China, and it is very difficult for Chinese students to enter it. Moreover, the university has close connections to the Communist Party and gives you first-hand experience of how the Party wants to lead its country. I was surprised to see that not all courses strictly followed the lines given by the Party, with many professors studying and working abroad for many years. However, discussions in classrooms on sensitive topics are limited.

I took 4 courses from the MA in Contemporary Chinese Studies, which is the political science master from the university designed for non-Chinese students. There is a big difference between the courses taught in English for internationals and the Chinese-taught courses. I took the courses Nations and Nationalism, Chinese Foreign Economy, Contemporary Chinese Politics, and Chinese History. The courses change every semester, and it is difficult to know in advance which courses will be proposed, so be ready to adjust your course plan at the last minute (I would recommend using your elective modules for the exchange). The credit system is more or less the same as in Vienna, as are the requirements to pass the courses.

Accommodation:

I would highly recommend using the option proposed by the Renmin University to live on campus. There are two possibilities: a single room at 80 Yuan a day in the Gaoli Building, and a double room at 40 Yuan a day. I chose the single room and did not regret it, as it is comparable to a small hotel room, while you have to share the other room with your roommate, as well as kitchen and bathrooms with the whole floor (the single room also has a European toilet). Both buildings are full of other international students and make it possible to find friends very easily. Living off campus is more difficult and expensive and requires at least a bit of knowledge of Chinese.

The campus offers everything you could need, it would be possible not to leave it for 6 months. It is not the most modern one, but all you need, from canteens, restaurants, to sports facilities, supermarkets, and bookstores, is available on campus.

Tips:

I would advise you to open a Chinese bank account and buy a SIM card on the first day of arrival. Your phone is your best friend during the whole 6 months, and you will need it at all times. The Chinese bank account will make it possible to use either WeChat Pay or Alipay without problems. International bank cards can be connected on Alipay, but it does not always work. The first days you will have to pay cash until your bank account is opened and connected to either one or both of those apps.

Basic knowledge of Chinese is recommended, as only very few people speak English, even in Beijing. Try to learn the basics before departure, you will automatically learn faster once there.

Do not pack too much at first, Taobao makes wonders and will make you buy things you did not even know you wanted. Everything is cheaper in China, and you will probably (as did all international exchange students I met) finish with way too many clothes not knowing how to bring all of it back. Beware.