



BERICHTSFORMULAR

Non-EU Student Exchange Programm

2022/2023

BewerbungsID 16104

Nominierte Studienrichtung: 198/407/411 Studienrichtung Bachelorstudium Lehramt Sek (AB) Unterrichtsfach Englisch Unterrichtsfach Geschichte, Sozialkunde und Politische Bildung

Angaben zum Aufenthalt:

Gastinstitution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - (USA)

Aufenthaltszeitraum: SS 2023

Aufenthaltsbeginn: 17.01.2023 **Aufenthaltsende:** 15.05.2023

STIPENDIUM	
Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt laut Zuerkennung: (inkl. Zuschüsse für Reisekosten und Sprachtest)	€ 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:	€
Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:	€ 0,00

KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS	
Unterkunft:	€ 3.750,00
Art der Unterkunft:	Privatunterkunft
Reisekosten:	€ 2.200,00
Lebenshaltungskosten:	€ 1.500,00
Studienkosten:	€ 1.200,00
Versicherungskosten	€ 640,00
Visakosten:	€ 171,00
Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:	€ 20.000,00

Bericht veröffentlichen:

PERSÖNLICHER BERICHT

Non-EU Student Exchange Programm

2022/2023

BewerbungsID: 16104

Nominierte Studienrichtung: 198/407/411 Studienrichtung Bachelorstudium Lehramt Sek (AB) Unterrichtsfach Englisch Unterrichtsfach Geschichte, Sozialkunde und Politische Bildung

Angaben zum Aufenthalt:

Gastinstitution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - (USA)

Aufenthaltszeitraum: SS 2023

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

Dear Non-EU-Exchange Team!

Last semester, I had the honour of studying abroad in the USA. The university I was accepted to go to was the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and I do not think I could have made a better decision. UIUC is the kind of college that you see in movies which is exactly what every day I got to spend there felt like. The university consists of one huge campus that is the home of all university buildings. Furthermore, it is incredibly rich on culture and school pride. From the very beginning, one feels like a part of a huge family which is intensified by the saying "FamILLy". ILL is half of the battle cry of the university while the other part would be INI, which is what students there call themselves "Illini". The campus is home to most students, which means friends are constantly at a close proximity and you can easily meet up for coffee or lunch in between classes. Furthermore, it is home to numerous clubs as well as sororities and fraternities. I personally chose not to join any sororities, but all the clubs host a lot of events that add to the university's culture.

The university has a variety of courses to choose from. I chose a total of five courses which were very well manageable while also taking part in the university and exchange life. All students were required to buy one, or multiple, coursebooks. I personally chose to get the physical rather than the online books, which turned out to be a little more expensive but very much worth it, as I brought all of them home for my further studies. The grading turned out to be rather different from Austria. Most courses required multiple smaller quizzes (some even weekly) and smaller assignments. In addition, I was required to do midterm, as well as final exams, which were to be written at home over the course of a week and therefore proved to be more like assignments.

Moving on to the more social aspects of the exchange, I am a bit of a social butterfly and love meeting new people. UofI was also the perfect spot to do so, as it has a huge exchange programme with people coming in from all over the world. The week before classes, we got to take part in a meeting event of all new exchange students. I immediately met people from Italy, Scotland, Sweden, France, Spain, South Korea, the Netherlands and many other places. I spent most of my time with my friends from all around Europe. Considering meeting people in classes, I was surprised by how most Americans were simply not that keen on getting to know the exchange students or building international friendships. Most of the people in the classes seemed to not care at all, while I also experienced hostility from one guy in one class for being an exchange student.

For my exchange, I opted to rent a flat which was a 10 minute walk from campus. I chose to live with exchange



students exchanging from Viennese universities (TU, WU and UniWien), two of which were Austrian and one German. This had positive as well as negative aspects. On the negative side, we had to buy all our supplies, from cutlery and dishes to simply everything a household required. However, the positive points clearly outweighed the negatives. First of all, we got to get to know our roommates prior to leaving for the exchange. We were all going through similar feelings of missing the same parts of home (the bread!) and were able to be there for each other and really understand each other's struggles, when these came up. Some might say it was a mistake not to live with Americans and I have to say yes, and no. Of course, there is something nice about getting to live with people from the country you are exchanging to. However, people going to college in the US are usually younger than European exchange students (18-21) and are living alone for the first time. That can often be a learning curve which some of the Austrian exchange students living with Americans had to struggle with (cleanliness, teenage dramas at 2 a.m.).

In conclusion, I would not change a thing about the memories I was able to make during my time in the US and I would totally recommend going abroad for a semester. It really is not a long time away from home (rather short actually) and the experiences and international friendships will be with you for a lifetime. Leaving your natural environment is a super healthy thing and truly helps people grow in the best way.