



BERICHTSFORMULAR

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2022/2023

BewerbungsID 13000

Nominierte Studienrichtung: 066/642 Studienrichtung Masterstudium Philosophy and Economics

Angaben zum Aufenthalt:

Gastinstitution: The University of Chicago - (USA)

Aufenthaltszeitraum: WS 2022/2023

Aufenthaltsbeginn: 14.09.2022 **Aufenthaltsende:** 10.03.2023

STIPENDIUM	
Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt laut Zuerkennung: (inkl. Zuschüsse für Reisekosten und Sprachtest)	€ 3.600,00
	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:	€
Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:	€ 3.600,00

KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS	
Unterkunft:	€ 3.800,00
Art der Unterkunft:	Privatunterkunft
Reisekosten:	€ 1.000,00
Lebenshaltungskosten:	€ 180,00
Studienkosten:	€ 1.100,00
Versicherungskosten	€ 500,00
Visakosten:	€ 0,00
Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:	€ 6.580,00

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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

I was very excited but slightly nervous about leaving home for my ERASMUS stay at the University of Chicago. I was aware of the prestigious academic institution and the vibrant city of Chicago, but also that I would also have to adapt to a different culture and way of life. Though I am from Canada, I've always been made aware of the differences between the United States and Canada as well. I had not stayed in the US for such an extended period of time. The University itself was located in quite a criminal area where students had to constantly remain conscious of their surroundings and numerous students expressed feeling uneasy at times. The University tries to minimize this element by providing private shuttle buses, maintaining security within the area beyond the campus as well as through its partnership with Lyft. There is, nonetheless, a considerable difference in atmosphere between Vienna and Chicago which I had underestimated.

The University was academically challenging; however, I do not believe the course work nor the evaluations were much more difficult than what I have experienced in Vienna. In my philosophy courses the reading materials assigned weekly were approximately as long as those in Vienna and the weekly tasks were similar. Final papers in my philosophy classes were similarly aimed at the same objectives, allowed the same amount of academic freedom and creativity, and were overall not much longer than what I am used to. An exception was a graduate course I had taken in the political science department, which assigned far more reading than I have ever been exposed to, between 300-500 pages a week, and required a final paper of at least 20 pages. The graduate coursework in the economics and public policy department similarly reflected what I am used to in Vienna. The course I took in Macroeconomics assigned a fine amount of weekly homework assignments, a midterm exam, a research report as well as a final exam. I would compare the course to my macroeconomics course in Vienna, however, I found the subject matter to have been approached at a much more surface level. Overall, I did not find that I was struggling to keep up, nor that the contents of the classes were beyond what I have experienced during my time in Vienna.



The people at the university made my time there lovely. Students are generally warm and welcoming; it is not difficult to meet people and make friends through clubs and group activities organized by the University both on the graduate and undergraduate levels. The professors, however, are among the best part as they truly make you feel respected and push you to succeed beyond your recognized potential.

My accommodation was the worst part. I stayed with a group called 3L Living on South Hyde Park which was advertised as an off-campus student residence type building, but the building was more similar to an affordable housing limit. The accommodation regularly smelled of marijuana and management did little to nothing about loud noises and poor conduct of the residents. I would not recommend the location to anyone, though I know some people enjoyed their stays at the other buildings managed by the same firm.

Overall, I would describe my stay at Chicago as very positive and I know it has opened up a fountain of opportunities for my future. I would definitely recommend future Philosophy and Economics students take on this opportunity as the departments in the school align well with the curriculum, but also because the experience was one, I will not forget. Chicago is nice city with plenty to do and see, and the University really makes an effort to give students a great experience.