Chalmers University of Technology

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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde |
| 1 x Easier  2 x the same |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away? |
| Private accommodation |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation? |
| A lot. |
| £430 |
| £500 per month |

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| **Do you have any advice about how looking for accommodation? Is there anything you wished you knew before you left about accommodation?** |
| **Do it as early as possible, try and get it through the uni if you can.** |
| **The university gives no support to find accommodation making it very difficult. Private halls are also very limited meaning that a private let is really the only option.** |
| **Apply early to SGS housing company, we received the codes for getting accommodation quite late because we applied later than others. Don't bother using the boplats website. Instead concentrate on SGS and holiday website airbnb, there are a lot of people (including me) who have long term leases on the airbnb website.** |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Fantastic, super efficient transport, great scenery, friendly people just really nice overall. |
| Great city, lots of bars and restaurants. Very cultural and student oriented. |
| Gothenburg is a beautiful city, has everything you need and is close to both the lakes and the sea |

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| Where is your favourite place to go? |
| Either the botanic gardens or the systembolaget. |
| Walking in the main city park. |
| A walk down beside the canal, it's really nice |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)? |
| Excellent, really well equipped, a lot more freedom with lab use than strathy, again just super nice. |
| Very modern and well equipped. |
| The library is much smaller than Strathclyde, people don't really use it much - for example they don't have many books. The labs are great and you can book them out. The campus is great, it's like an American style campus you see in the films. The student building is amazing, it has a restaurant, a couple of places to get lunch, swimming pool sauna, sports hall and much more. |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected? |
| 2 x less  1 x More |

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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)? |
| Most things, pints especially. Chicken is also weirdly expensive. |
| Taxis are too expensive to use. Basic items such as bread and milk are also very expensive compared to the UK. |
| Drinks are very expensive but eating out in general is around the same price. A lot of things in the supermarket are more expensive. But on the whole it is around the same price |

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| **How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)?** |
| **Approx Â£1000 including rent and activities/trips.** |
| **Â£1000 (including Â£500 on rent) and that has covered a trip a month too.** |

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| **Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students?** |
| **There was a lot of activities but I didn't do any of them because I'm boring. I'm on exchange with 4 friends but so I might have done more if I didn't know anyone here.** |
| **Excellent. There is an international welcome committee who organise lots of good events and opportunities to meet new people, most of whom I am still friends with at the end of the exchange.** |
| **Great social life here although it is mostly in/around university as drinks are expensive in clubs. The university has a great social life with a freshers month as opposed to week in Strathclyde! There is a strong ERASMUS group over here - mostly of French, Spanish and German all of whom speak pretty much perfect English because everything is taught in English.** |

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| **Would you recommend this University to future Strathclyde students who are considering studying abroad?** |
| **Yes** |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| Absolutely, great chance to experience a new country/culture, studying at a new uni is great, honestly seems a lot easier than what the folk at home are up to. |
| Definitely. The experience is incredible and also the opportunity to meet so many new people in such a short space of time. |

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| Is there any additional information/advice you would like to pass on to future students who are considering study abroad at the same institution as you? |
| Go for it, Chalmers is great and Goteborg is a fantastic city! |
| Ensure you look early for accommodation and if setting up a project, try and put forward a proposal to the academic staff here rather than asking them to provide you with a project that they have created. This way you are more likely to find a supervisor early on. |