**FCSH - NOVA**

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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde.  |
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| Is there anything that you wished that you knew about the classes before you went?  |
| That class could start at 8am! :( |

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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?  |
| €435 |

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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? |
| To NOT wait until I got here!! Lisbon experienced an extra 1,000 erasmus students compared to previous years. This meant there was limited choice for accommodation available. (I hate where I live!!!) Also, not to rely on Erasmus Life Lisboa (they only have a partnership with one housing company so look around online) And to definitely go for a 5 month contract instead of 10 if here for a full year, most likely you'll want to move! |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Lisbon is amazing. Nice weather, SO CHEAP (less than â‚¬40 p/m for unlimited travel on buses, trams and metro - unreal), great Erasmus community, ace drinking culture (everyone drinks on the street!) |

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| Where is your favourite place to go?  |
| Bairro Alto - full of bars and restaurants. There is an Erasmus Corner where everyone goes and it's so easy to make friends!  |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)?  |
| Pretty rubbish. Very few (and old) computers, library is tiny with few study areas. Great community feel though, always bump into someone you know. Kind of has a school feel, everything looks like classrooms. A new restaurant just opened up which is pretty good. The school is just a bit old and run down and they're quite cheap - have to pay an admin fee of â‚¬37 when you first arrive and you even have to pay for your own exam papers which just seems crazy to me! |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected?  |
| Less |

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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)?  |
| Toiletries - stock up on shampoo, make up, perfume, etc. Sweets and chocolate are also quite expensive. Basically everything else is dirt cheap though.  |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| €500-600 but it should be a lot less, as i've booked trips and spent money on stuff for my flat. Could easily get by on â‚¬400 |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students?  |
| Amazing social life! 100x better than Strathclyde. The uni doesn't really do much (there was a welcome dinner) but to be honest they don't really need to. My main concern before arriving was making friends and to anyone reading this who is planning on going here DO NOT WORRY! Everyone is so open and friendly - when i first moved in to my flat i realised i had no bedding and asked on the erasmus facebook group if anyone knew a shop i could go to. An italian girl actually offered to take me to primark and we became friends from there. Also i basically don't speak a word of portuguese and it hasn't held me back at all - everyone speaks english (although there is a real lack of british people here - i haven't met anyone else from Scotland!) |

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| Would you recommend this University to future Strathclyde students who are considering studying abroad? If not, please explain your response or contact the Recruitment and International Office to discuss. |
| Yes |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| I am so, so glad. It's been an amazing time and i'm so glad i've come for the whole year! You meet so many different cultures and you become much more independent.  |

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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? |
| Maybe to consider going to another country for the second semester. A surprising amount of people aren't staying here for the whole year |