**Jean Moulin Lyon 3** [**http://www.univ-lyon3.fr/en/**](http://www.univ-lyon3.fr/en/)

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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? |
| The way the classes were taught was completely different in France. Less interactive in France, basically just reading from a book with no PowerPoint, hand-outs etc |
| We don't receive tutorials, only lectures and lectures last 3 hours long (with breaks of course). Lectures can be pretty tough going as lecturers tend to just sit and read from materials they have prepared while students take notes, feels more like a dictation than a lecture. No power points or visual materials are provided during the lectures. |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away? |
| student housing (by host university) |
| Private accommodation |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation? |
| 200 euro |
| Around 460 each month but varies slightly with utilities which we are billed with monthly depending on how much electricity we use etc. |

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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? |
| I went for the cheapest option. Wouldn't recommend unless only going away for one semester. |
| Websites such as leboncoin.fr and myfrenchlifeguard are great, the Erasmus groups on Facebook are useful as people post rooms and flats available for rent, it is easier to find someone to live with via this method than by websites such as appartager I've found. Student accommodation can be very isolating if you end up in a studio by yourself so consider that before choosing this option - if you choose student accommodation a shared kitchen at least is probably better as it provides an opportunity to meet people. Many people live in accommodation with shared bathrooms too but I wasn't keen on sharing a bathroom with strangers. |

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| Where is your favourite place to go? |
| The best places for nightlife are Hotel de Ville and Vieux Lyon, Vieux Lyon is also full of traditional French restaurants, Lyon is known as the food capital of France. Bellecour is the George Square of Lyon and is right in the middle of the city - between the two rivers - this is the main shopping area. There is also a large shopping centre next to the main train station in the city (Part Dieu) - it even has a New Look in it. There is a great view of the whole city at a place called FourviÃ¨re, you take a funicular to get up there and there is a cathedral there too. |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Amazing, the best. |
| Lyon is a great city, it is lively and full of things to do. I'm definitely happy I chose to study here, and that I have the full year to spend here because at half way through the year I feel like there is still so much I have yet to do/see. It is also very well situated for travelling throughout your erasmus year. There are two rivers running through the city which means nightlife, shops and restaurants are pretty spread out throughout the city. It's a very clean city. There is a big erasmus network here which is great knowing there are so many other students but can feel a bit daunting, like there are sometimes too many students, it makes it more difficult to make friends. |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)? |
| Never really used the library, however the library, computer rooms, WiFI, etc all seemed very good. |
| The university is split between two campuses - one on the River Rhone (the Quais) and one called Manufacture des Tabas (this is where all my classes took place). Masters classes are held at the Quais, exams can take place at either campus. The Manufacture campus is one building which is great because everything is in the one place. The library is nice, lots of spaces for studying and comfy beanbag chairs you can sit in if you so wish. There are several cafes on campus, where you can get a coffee for as cheap as â‚¬1, the food in some of the cafes is pretty cheap too. |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected? |
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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)? |
| Surprised by everything. |
| In terms of nightlife drinking in clubs is expensive. A vodka mix can be between â‚¬6 and â‚¬8, and a pint of beer can be around â‚¬6. I don't know if this is the case elsewhere in France. Wine is cheap. You can buy bottles of wine in supermarkets for as little as â‚¬2 (usually not the nicest of wines). Taxis can also be expensive but I would usually be splitting it with my 3 other flatmates so that helps costs. Bread is cheap, you can get a baguette for as little as 50 cents. Vegetables and fruit are surprisingly expensive and pretty low quality which I did not expect being on the continent. Meat is also expensive. |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| 1200-1500 euros (sometimes maybe more, but never less) |
| Around â‚¬450 a month (excluding rent). This also depends on whether I've travelled anywhere that month. |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students? |
| Yes and yes. |
| There is a strong Erasmus network out here, Erasmus parties take place pretty much every week but they can be expensive as entry costs to clubs are usually bumped up (can be around â‚¬10). The student network here organises day trips to neighbouring towns, for annual events such as the unveiling of the new Beaujolais wine (this is apparently a big deal), ski trips, trips to Disneyland Paris, trips to Christmas markets. The university also organises cocktail evenings for foreign students to meet one another, "speed-dating" nights (these aren't actually dating nights but take the same format where you swap tables and talk to people so that you're forced to speak to everyone in the room). There is plenty of opportunity to meet people. |

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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 |
| I would recommend but would add that Jean Moulin are a nightmare when it comes to administrative issues, they are very slow at dealing with academic issues and can be difficult to get in contact with. There have been times where I have emailed my academic advisor and had no reply from her so have had to go into the uni and see her instead. We also only received the dates of our exams a week before they started - so they like to keep you on your toes! Were it not for this I would wholeheartedly recommend the uni, in all other aspects it is a great university. |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| Yes. Great to get a taste of the wider world, experience another culture, meeting people from all over the world. |
| Yes, I would happily do it all over again, and I'm happy that I still have another semester to spend in Lyon. I have made friends that I hope will be for life. |

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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? |
| Just be aware the French administration system can be very time consuming, may take a while to get accommodation, get bank account set up, have WiFi installed etc. |