**Technical University of Munich**

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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde.  |
| the same2 x easier2 x harder  |

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| Is there anything that you wished that you knew about the classes before you went?  |
| What was available in English and that it is good to try out lots of classes in week 1 and then decide |
| The level compared to my Strathclyde classes. Had too many chosen classes being too hard or too easy (if that's a problem for you!)  |
| Most of the english courses are at Masters level |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away?  |
| 2 x student housing (by host university)1 x Private2 x Student housing (private organisation)  |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation?  |
| €250 - €1450 |

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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'm not sure how applicable this is to Undergrads, but for private (furnished) accommodation (I'm here with my wife so didn't really want to share) Munich is expensive. I was lucky with funding awards so could afford to come, but unless you are happy to stay somewhere really grim, it's at least â‚¬1000 per month. Sharing is of course cheaper, but furnished is difficult to come by. We used the agency "Mr Lodge" who are convenient and have a lot on offer, but you pay for that convenience. We found that staying for anything less than 6 months REALLY limits your options, but you will find something if you keep looking. Stuff didn't tend to come on the market until ~1-2 months before we planned to arrive, so there's not much you can do before that. The good flats would go quickly, sometimes in under a day, so either butter up an agent or keep a regular look out. |
| There's a PDF from the uni that i wish i had got sooner don't stress, everyone is in the same situation |
| Only one student block has single rooms so I asked in advance and got one! |
| Start looking asap. I started looking 4 moths before semester started and still found it hard to find a place |
| Start looking half a year in advance. Studentenstadt is really close to the Garching campus and has cheap accommodation.  |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Munich is great! Very international, good public transport, endless bars and restaurants, museums, events and shops etc. Hot in summer, cold in winter, can be quite wet as close to the Alps (nothing like Glasgow though!) |
| beautiful, safe, loads to do |
| There is lots of work going on in the city, but lots of shopping centres, good bars and restaurant - and all very cheap! |
| Expensive! Also very busy and full of lots of things to see and do. Being in the heart of Europe isn't half bad either  |
| It's amazing! Really modern and has a lot of places to go and things to see. Many people you meet speak english, so the language barrier isn't a big problem.  |

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| Where is your favourite place to go?  |
| In nice weather you can't beat one of the MANY Beer Gardens in the parks and around town. |
| beer garden |
| Esplanada every Monday - 1 litre of beer for Â£1.25 |
| The Bundesliga games at the Allianz Arena  |
| City centre.  |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)?  |
| Not really explored much of that sort of thing, but the facilities I have seen tend to be fine and fairly standard... |
| very good, but far away |
| All very modern and have everything you need |
| Through the universities online room finder. Luckily for me though all of the rooms I need are in one building and are easy to find |
| So far so good. Some labs have macs :3 There is also a cheap cafeteria called 'Mensa' - no cooking ftw!  |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected?  |
| 3 x More2 x Less |

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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)?  |
| Food and drink is actually similar to Glasgow, however the rent is a lot and we have spent more than expected, probably on socialising but not entirely sure :( |
| travel |
| No, living costs are so cheap! |
| IKEA is more expensive here  |
| Accomodation |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| €3000 (including rent, travel, ents, food, drink, bills and basically everything else) |
| 400 euros a month |
| You could live on £300 a month if you wanted, but there is always things happening: trips, nights out etc so probably closer to £500 |
| 1000 (between 2 people)  |
| 1000 euro / month for 2 people living in a shared room |

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

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| Do you have a good social life?  |
| Lots of trips and parties organised through the university  |
| Tons. There are trips to many places in Germany, as well as neighbouring countries.  |
| Not much in the way of social events attached to the University, but that may be different for UGs. I have some friends here so have had a pretty good time in general! |
| yes - but badly advertised |
| Yes - there is always nights out and events being planned such as karaoke, bar crawls, paint balling, Olympics events etc |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| Yes, it has been a great opportunity to experience living in Germany, learning some of the language and generally getting to know some people out here. It will be valuable on my CV and has encouraged me to look here for employment post-PhD. |
| Yes - great experience, and i learnt a language from scratch. But very time consuming to get it organised |
| Yes. Best decision I have ever made, meeting people from all over the world, travelling to different countries and cities I wouldn't have done otherwise, living cost is so cheap, people are friendly. The lifestyle is just really good |
| Really glad. I've met do many new people and experienced so many new things so far on my exchange.  |
| It's a great experience to meet people from different countries and Germany is a very international place. If you choose to study, there are a lot of courses you can take here that are never offered at Strathclyde. For computer science students, consider praktikums - that's where you get to code and end up learning a lot. In your free time (which depending on how many courses you have might not be that much), you can always hop on a bus and you are in another country for the day or the weekend!  |

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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? |
| - bring a bike if you can - living close to the U6 line and north of the City centre will drastically reduce your commute every day - Learn some German before coming here - Pretzels are addictive - factor in â‚¬110 per month for a travel card |
| its a bit of a risk in terms of passing classes/ doing the right classes but well worth it. Didn't know there was someone from strathy at the same place until April - would like to have known that before |
| Just do it, you will not regret it |
| Look for accommodation REALLY early!  |
| If the course say 'Masters level', it really is.. be prepared to study a lot to keep up, so don't take too many credits. 20-25 is enough for an Erasmus student.  |