**University Nice Sophia Antipolis**

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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?  |
| I'm doing a project rather than classes, but if doing classes should definitely have a good grip on the French language. I am also completing a course from Strathclyde online which required me to Skype every week for the lecture, but the lecturer made this very simple for me and was very helpful. |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away?  |
|  student housing (private student organisation) |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation?  |
| 290 euros |

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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?  |
| A lot of forms to fill out to stay in student accommodation (including that you know what to do in the event of an earthquake), hardly any help from the accommodation office (you can send 5 emails and they will still go unanswered), refuse to speak English. Also put me in accommodation which is 40 mins - 1 hour away from my campus when there are some on site. Would not recommend the student accommodation! |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Hot (mid 20° - 30°) up until about end of October, where it dips for the rest of Winter to about 15°. Shops are good, and it is very close to the beach (although it's a stone beach), decent nightlife (not clubs like Glasgow). Very accessible by both the airport and train station to visit other places easily. |

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| Where is your favourite place to go?  |
| Clubs: Les Sansas on a Thursday (Erasmus night), Etoile then Pompeii on weekends. Shop: Pull & Bear |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)?  |
| I work in the LPMC lab at Valrose campus, which is in town which is good. I live next to the Lettres campus, which is a bit out of town (tram and bus ride away). |

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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)?  |
| Alcohol in pubs and clubs, and vegetables - everything else (bread, alcohol from supermarket, cheese) is cheap. |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| Roughly 500-600 euros including rent (290 pm) |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students?  |
| ESN organise several activities a week, including trips to French villages as well as nights out. I would be lost if it weren't for the ESN group! |

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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, but only if you have a good level of French. I came to the University with a Standard Grade in French as I was completing my internship in English, but it has been a bit of a struggle at times, and the people are not always understanding |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| Yes, I have made some great friends, and it also let me try out what a PhD would be like as I am contracted to 35 hours a week for my internship. It also gave me the opportunity to try something different for my project, as there are so many aspects of physics. |

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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? |
| Make sure to keep a record of all emails, and keep emailing if they don't reply within a week. Print out everything beforehand and be very prepared for all the paperwork (try to get done ASAP). Once you are actually here, it is all great! Would recommend going to the ESN nights to meet other international students. |