**University of Eastern Finland**

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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?  |
| Lectures are very long, the average is 3-4 hours. There are breaks throughout though. However, there are only between 2 and 5 lectures for each class. |

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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?  |
| 200 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?  |
| For standard housing go with Joensuu Elli. If you're looking to party a lot then stay in riverside, it's like a student hotel. |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Its fairly nice. I always feel very safe walking alone at night. It is quite large with most housing a few km's away from the centre and university so everybody cycles. From October there is always snow but everybody deals with it. |

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| Where is your favourite place to go?  |
| There is a lake which has a few barbecue shelters so in august/september it was great to come here with everybody to enjoy the sun, play some games and eat. There are plenty of good bars, most exchange students go to a sports bar called jetset for the cheap beer. |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)?  |
| The campus is very nice, there is a great cafeteria which serves a buffet style lunch for 2 euros. Library is much smaller than strathclyde. |

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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)?  |
| Taxis are a joke, 25 euros for a 7 minute journey. Supermarket food is slightly more expensive than Scotland but not too much. Alcohol is also more expensive but not as bad as people would make out, just avoid having too many drinks in non-student bars/clubs. |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| I spend around 600/700 pounds per month but I go out around 5 times per week and have taken around 6 trips throughout the semester so I spend alot more than most. I think on average most students spend would be around 500 euros so roughly 400 pounds. |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students?  |
| Great. The Erasmus organisation for the university is great. They are constantly organising a variety of events which may be sporting, musical, culinary or partying. Also, they organise three trips per semester to Stockholm, St Petersburg and Lapland which are all great and reasonably priced. |

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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. |
| Yes it has been the best experience. I've experienced a completely different culture and came here knowing nobody so it has definitely matured me. I've travelled to many places and made so many friends from all across the world - I wish I could do it all over. |

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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? |
| Be prepared for the winter, it is very cold. Come December there is very little sunlight so there will be dark days. Everybody speaks english here but they do struggle with the scottish accent so be prepared to speak a little slower and clearer. Final piece of advice: Just come, it is an incredible place to live and I promise you won't regret it - I know nobody who has. |