**University of Helsinki**

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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde. |
| Harder |

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| Is there anything that you wished that you knew about the classes before you went? |
| No, all the information I needed was given to me |

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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? |
| €600 |

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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? |
| check the universities website, apply to HOAS early |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Helsinki is one of the smallest capital cities I have visited but it makes it a nice place to live |

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| Where is your favourite place to go? |
| I haven't been somewhere that I haven't liked here, the whole city is great especially the old 'working class' part of town- Kallio- which is where all the students hang out, it has the nicest pubs and the cheapest beers. There are other town and cities close by that are nice to visit also- Turku, Porvoo and Tampere- and public transport is cheap. |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)? |
| The university facilities are great you will have no problems |

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

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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)? |
| Everything is expensive in Finland especially alcohol. But the public transport is cheap â‚¬23/month for unlimited use of trams, trains, metro and busses so buy a travel card. |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| €1000 |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students? |
| The social life in Helsinki is the best I have experienced of anywhere I have been. The university caters rally well for erasmus students' integration into Finnish life and university. |

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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. |
| Yes- It has been once of the best decisions I have ever made. It is somewhat of a 'free-year' getting away from Glasgow, and although you are still working you have a lot of fun especially meeting new people. |