

My time at Université du Maine

I went to France as a part of ERASMUS program in autumn of 2013. The university is situated at a medium size town called Le Mans. I studied there various subjects such as French, Spanish, international trade and others but more relevantly, I made new friends and gain a new and useful experience in communication with people with different nationalities and backgrounds.

As to the faculty of this university, the professors seemed to me very supportive to me and other exchange students. They devoted their time after classes to explain to us additional things and sometimes we were integrated into the groups of the French students. That helped for me to become friends with people from France therefore I was able to work on my language skills and have friends around me who can help me when it was necessary. Overall, I spending my time with people from countries such as Brazil, Spain, China, Italy, Hungary, USA and of course France. There is nothing bad I can say with regards to my stay at Le Mans.

Additionally, besides spending time with my new friends, I had to study a lot. At first, it was really hard to manage the load of homeworks, however, I was able to divide my time well and reach the goals I have set for myself. Regarding the way how the professors delivered their classes, it was not so different as in the University of Latvia, that is, some classes involved more interaction with professors and others were more concentrated on absorbing the theory and working individually.

To conclude, the studying abroad was very important to me and I think has had a lot of impact on me. More precisely, I am more open to the people I do not know than before because I have had a lot of practice starting conversation with strangers. Not only I gain a lots of friends from a different countries, I also studied hard and improved my knowledge of French and trade in Europe.