

TUHH-Erfahrungsbericht - Studium im Ausland

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Polytechnic University of Milan, Italien

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Programm: Erasmus (SMS)

Aufenthalt: 16.02.2026 - 25.07.2026

Studiengang: Engineering Science - Mechatronics, , Bachelor

Studiendekanat: Mechanical Engineering (M)

Information, Bewerbung an der TUHH

I have always wanted to do an exchange semester, so it wasn't really anything I heard, I just searched how to do it. I went to an information session where they gave us all the information regarding the process. The whole process was very straightforward, and I didn't have any problems. The reason I applied to Milan was because out of all the places I could choose it was the one I liked the most. I wanted a big city with good connections for traveling and I have always liked Italy and the language. People in Italy are very friendly and talkative but usually do not speak English, but Milan is more metropolitan, so people usually mind their own business, but you can hear more English, as it is also a very touristic city.

Bewerbung an der Gasthochschule, Reisevorbereitung, Visum?

The preparation for the exchange was again straightforward. The only bad thing is that it is hard to get a reply to your emails in Polimi. All the info on how to apply is on the Polimi website, and if you do everything on time, there is no problem.

Unterkunft & Kosten

I cannot exactly say how much I spent every month, but my rent was 880€ and with travel, eating out, groceries, exploring the city and transportation I might say it could be more than 500€. Groceries were much more expensive than I expected. I stayed in CX Nom, I found it by searching online for days on end, many people also rent apartments, but I chose not to because of scams.

- Lebenshaltungskosten pro Monat (*in etwa; inkl. Miete*): 1500€
- Kosten für Miete pro Monat (*Warm-Miete*): 880€

Vor Ort – Gasthochschule Orientierung / Betreuung

My arrival was fine; people were very friendly and guided me through everything. I unfortunately arrived 2 days late to orientation week due to exams, but I found my way easily. They also sent a lot of information via mail in case people could not make it to the orientation.

Vor Ort – belegte Kurse / Curriculum an der Gasthochschule

I took 5 courses, totaling 29 credits. Keep in mind that Polimi is a very rigorous university and most people do not pass all the classes they planned to take. In my case I did not pass one class. I chose my classes in English, except for one in Italian, but the professor spoke English and was very friendly and helpful. I have only had one oral exam to this day, but it is very different to written exams, they require you to fully understand the concepts and not just to know how to solve an exercise, so it requires a lot of learning.

The reason why I was able to choose English classes (most bachelors of not all are in Italian), was because I chose Mechanical Engineering, and the English specialty. Otherwise, most classes are in Italian. Bear in mind that most of the credits that you choose must belong to the degree you choose when applying for the exchange at the Polimi website. You can choose up to 12 credits from other, and I recommend master's as they are mostly in English. Since I went in my third year of Uni, I had to choose Bachelor's degree but if you go from the 4th on you must choose Masters. I recommend taking easy classes to enjoy the Erasmus experience since Polimi is a very challenging university.

Vor Ort – Alltag / Freizeit /Kontakte

The rest of the students were really nice, I recommend going to the ESN welcoming parties as you meet a lot of Erasmus international people. There are also WhatsApp group chats. I didn't attend many of the university events, as I had already formed a friend group and they all belonged to different universities (the friends I made in my student residence). I also recommend a student residence because it is very easy to make friends and have a very international ambiance.

Formalitäten vor Ort

I didn't change my number or open a bank account, everything worked fine.

Persönliche Erfahrungen – Bewertung des Auslandsaufenthaltes – Erwähnenswertes – eigener Kommentar

I personally would 100% recommend doing it, I would love to do it again. You do learn a lot, you make a lot of friends and have unforgettable experiences. You also learn a lot about yourself, and I think it is an experience everyone needs to live at least once. I made some of my best friends there, lived in one of the coolest European cities during the iconic Fashion Week and went to one of the most important Engineering Universities in the world.

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Sind Sie damit einverstanden, dass das Team Outgoing Ihren Erfahrungsbericht auf Anfrage an ausgewählte Kommiliton*innen weitergibt?	Ja/Nein
Falls für Ihr Studiendekanat eine Stud-IP-Gruppe mit Infomaterial zu Auslandsaufenthalten besteht, darf Ihr Erfahrungsbericht dort zur Verfügung gestellt werden? <i>(Ihr Name steht nicht auf dem Bericht, Ihre Email nur wenn Sie diese selbst eintragen.)</i>	Ja/Nein
Darf Ihr Erfahrungsbericht auf dem Info-Portal über Mobility-Online zur Verfügung gestellt werden? <i>(Ihr Name steht nicht auf dem Bericht. Ihre Email nur, wenn Sie diese selbst eintragen.)</i>	Ja/Nein