

TUHH-Erfahrungsbericht - Studium im Ausland

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Studiengang: Microelectronics and Microsystems, EQF-Level 2, Master

Studiendekanat: Electrical Engineering, Computer Science
and Mathematics

Information, Bewerbung an der TUHH

I explored study-abroad options through TUHH's International Office website, information sessions, and academic advisors. These resources provided details on partner universities, deadlines, and documentation.

The application process involved selecting a partner university, submitting a motivation letter, transcripts, and a study plan. I prepared my documents early and maintained clear communication with the International Office for guidance on visas and accommodation.

I applied to broaden my academic knowledge, experience new cultures, and enhance my language skills while gaining a global perspective on engineering.

Tips:

1. Start early and attend information sessions.
2. Connect with former exchange students.
3. Prepare documents carefully and meet deadlines.
4. Align the exchange with your academic and career goals.
5. Communicate actively with the International Office.

Bewerbung an der Gasthochschule, Reisevorbereitung, Visum?

The host university's application required completing an online portal, submitting academic records, and providing a learning agreement. Following their guidelines closely and meeting deadlines ensured a smooth process.

For travel, I arranged housing through the host university and secured comprehensive health insurance. Early train or bus bookings and preparing essential documents reduced last-minute issues.

The visa process was not required in my case. As I was holding a residence permit issued by the German government which was valid for 2 years even before the start of my exchange program.

In the end I would suggest to follow the host university's instructions carefully. And if required apply for visas early and double-check document accuracy & organize housing and health insurance in advance.

Unterkunft & Kosten

Although the host university initially allocated me a dormitory, the living conditions were not satisfactory. As a result, I began searching for a private room near the university. Eventually, I secured private accommodation with a monthly rent of 600 euros.

Despite the higher rent, the overall cost of living in Poland was manageable due to the strong purchasing power of the local currency. My monthly living expenses, excluding rent, were approximately less than 100 euros, covering essentials like food, telephone, and internet.

I recommend exploring both university dormitories and private housing options. Local rental websites, student groups on social media, and university housing offices can be useful resources. It's best to start the search early to find a comfortable and affordable place.

Living expenses per month (approximately; including rent): 700 euros

Costs for rent per month (including heating): 600 euros

Vor Ort – Gasthochschule Orientierung / Betreuung

The host university organized a well-planned arrival experience, including a full week of orientation events before the academic program began. The orientation week featured not only social parties but also fun adventure activities that helped us get familiar with the campus and meet fellow exchange students.

A preparatory language course was also offered, although it had a limited number of seats. I chose not to apply for personal reasons.

During my stay, I had a dedicated spokesperson, Anna Neubart, who provided valuable support and assistance. Additionally, the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) group in Warsaw was incredibly helpful, offering various social events, practical advice, and community support for exchange students. Many of my friends who participated in the exchange program found their services very beneficial.

Vor Ort – belegte Kurse / Curriculum an der Gasthochschule

I studied at the faculty of Electronics & Information Technology Institute (EITI) of Warsaw University of Technology (WUT). To select my courses, I carefully compared the content of each course with those offered at TUHH to ensure they aligned for credit transfer.

I took a total of six courses: four technical and two non-technical:

- Digital Communication (DC)
- Digital Signal Processing (DSP)
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
- Digital Circuit Design (DCD)
- Project Management (PM)
- Culture & Tradition

I faced some initial issues with the EMC course, as it was worth 4 ECTS at WUT but required 6 ECTS at TUHH. After multiple emails and requests to my home university professor, I successfully received approval to take the course.

All courses were taught in English, although certain professors, like in DCD, occasionally referred to textbooks written in Polish, which could pose challenges for students unfamiliar with the language like me.

The examination process was relatively flexible. For most of the courses, students had the opportunity to attempt the exam three times throughout the semester, with the highest score being considered for the final grade. So no need to worry even if you study less & score less in one those examination.

Vor Ort – Alltag / Freizeit /Kontakte

By the end of the semester, I was able to establish good connections with local students at WUT, primarily through shared courses and attending seminars arranged by professors. Participating in these events provided opportunities to interact with both local and international students.

I also took part in fun activities organized by the NSPW, a student organization at WUT. They were very welcoming and actively arranged social events that helped us integrate and make new friends.

Campus life at WUT was vibrant and engaging. After each session, I frequently met with friends, which made the academic environment more enjoyable. The campus had two libraries—one located inside the EITI building and the other in the main campus building—offering students flexibility in choosing a preferred study space.

One of the biggest advantages of WUT was the approachability of the professors. Most of them were very friendly and supportive if you reached out for help. They were willing to clarify concepts and ensure you fully understood the course material.

While WUT did not have a Mensa like TUHH, there was a small private canteen near the campus called the "Milk Bar," which provided affordable meals similar to a student cafeteria.

Although I primarily explored the EITI faculty, I heard that other faculties, like aerospace, mechanical, and electrical, had unique recreational spaces, including table tennis courts. In our faculty, there was also an underground chill-out area, though I did not get the chance to explore it thoroughly.

I would also recommend visiting the central library of the University of Warsaw. Although it is a bit far from WUT, it offers 24/7 study access throughout the semester. Membership is affordable and can be beneficial for students looking for an additional study environment.

If you are into sports, there are many activities provided by local gymnasiums in Warsaw that you can attend during your free time. Activities such as rock climbing, swimming, badminton, and running are organized both by the Erasmus group and private local groups, providing excellent opportunities to stay active and meet new people.

Formalitäten vor Ort

Initially, I faced some challenges as I had recently upgraded my devices and did not have Eduroam installed. I highly recommend installing Eduroam on all your devices beforehand to avoid connectivity issues. Purchasing a local internet connection was straightforward— I chose the OrangeFlex network, which was affordable and easy to manage through a smartphone app.

Opening a local bank account required special documentation, which would have taken time. Instead, I used Revolut, an online banking platform that was user-friendly and convenient throughout the semester. I never needed to open a local bank account.

I recommend carrying some local currency when you arrive and ensuring you have an international recharge plan on your home SIM card, in case it takes time to purchase a local SIM.

It is also helpful to download local maps and the local language pack on your translation and map apps for offline access. This makes it easier to navigate and communicate with locals upon arrival.

If you have the opportunity to get an ESN buddy upon arrival, it can make your transition much smoother, as they can assist with various formalities and help you settle in quickly.

Persönliche Erfahrungen – Bewertung des Auslandsaufenthaltes – Erwähnenswertes – eigenes Kommentar

It was a rollercoaster ride for me—I experienced both ups and downs throughout my entire semester as an exchange student. Meeting new friends, connecting with different local and international people from diverse cultures, and sharing our joys and challenges created unforgettable memories.

Although parting ways after just a few months was emotional, the experiences we shared were unique and invaluable. I believe only an Erasmus exchange provides such a profound opportunity to create these special memories. I would highly recommend everyone to experience Erasmus at least once in their lifetime—it is short but incredibly fun and rewarding for each and every participant.

Kontakt zu TUHH-Kommilitoninnen und Kommilitonen

Wären Sie bereit Kommilitoninnen und Kommilitonen bei Fragen zu einem ähnlichen Vorhaben in Ihrem Gastland Tipps zu geben?	rajnikant.jadhav@tuhh.de
Sind Sie damit einverstanden, dass das International Office Ihren Erfahrungsbericht auf Anfrage an ausgewählte Kommilitoninnen und Kommilitonen weitergibt?	Ja
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
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