

# Rapport d'expérience

**Informations de bases**

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Université choisie	EM Strasbourg Business School - France

**Avant le séjour**

Inscription	<p>Fribourg :</p> <p>I came to Decanat and talked to Mr. Baragiola about my wish to join the double degree program with EM Strasbourg 1 year before the exchange and asked for the procedure.</p> <p>Then I sent him the letter of motivation before the deadline (January) and wait for the confirmation because the school also waited for my academic results before accepting.</p> <p>Strasbourg.</p> <p>In April : received welcome email from EM Strasbourg with instructions how to register with lots of steps but it was easy to follow so there were no problem.</p> <p>In May : received acceptance letter</p> <p>In Spetember : I went to Strasbourg for my exchange</p>
Préparation	<p>In June, EM Strasbourg sent me instructions to register a room in Crous (student residence). There was a link to register which opened for only a few hours, the demand was extremely high so try to be the first ones to register. The rooms are quite basic so if you look for higher standard rooms, try to find other options, the school also has some advice on this but they can't do much in helping you to find a room</p>
Visa, autres formalités	<p>I am a Vietnamese citizen so I needed to apply for French Visa before my exchange.</p> <p>I followed the instruction on the website of the French Embassy in Switzerland and got my Visa within 12 days.</p>

Arrivée dans le pays d'accueil	<p>The school has an orientation week for all international students, which is quite helpful and professionally organized. They have a lot of international students coming every year so it was really a big event.</p> <p>Then the first courses started after the orientation period.</p>	
Impressions générales du séjour	<p>8 months passed really fast and there were so many things going on during that period. I studied a lot and had much fun with new friends as well.</p> <p>I had both fun and difficulties but overall, it was a great and memorable experience and I am happy I made it.</p>	
Logement	<p>I stayed in student residence Paul Appell because I registered via the link that EM Strasbourg provided.</p> <p>_ The room is 9 m<sup>2</sup> and costs 175 euros/ month. I shared kitchen, toilet/bathroom with other student on the same floor.</p> <p>_ The facilities are extremely basic to live, it matches the price I paid so think well before you decide to stay.</p>	
Coûts	<p>Overall, Strasbourg is a bit cheaper than Fribourg but it really depends on how well you live.</p> <p>My spending was more or less the same because I spent more on eating out and going out with friends which I didn't do much in Fribourg.</p>	
Sur place	Université d'accueil : Informations générales	<p>The EM Strasbourg building is separate from the main campus of University of Strasbourg and it has all necessary facilities (free printers, library...) available. Most of the courses are within this building but sometimes they are held in other two buildings which are in 5 to 10 minutes walk.</p> <p>International students have the international office as the main contact point and they are quite helpful. The activities, however, are not many for us, except for the first few weeks. Most of the time we organized the activities ourselves among the students.</p>
	Université d'accueil : Informations académiques	<p>_ In the first semester, we studied lots of courses concerning general business and culture which are not very difficult but spreading across different fields. The academic level of these courses is a bit lower than that in Fribourg.</p> <p>_ In the second semester, the courses were more specialised and provided some interesting insights.</p> <p>_ The difficulty level is manageable but the workload is a lot with tons of group work and reports. If you focus on getting high scores then you might be stressed sometimes.</p> <p>_ The way courses are organized and taught is less formal than in Fribourg. The learning environment is more dynamic since students ask a lot of questions and they discuss openly.</p>

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\_ What annoying is that the class schedule might change in the last minute (even mistakenly not communicated to students) and we have to adapt our schedule, too.

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Pays d'accueil

People are not so open with English so knowing French is important. The city of Strasbourg is beautiful and a bit more dynamic than Strasbourg. I travelled sometimes to other cities, too.

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Vie sociale, loisirs

I studied with many international students so my daily life was always around these people. We are like-minded so there was lots of fun among us. It depends on the person but generally, it is quite easy to make friends here.

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Commentaires, remarques

The exchange was a great decision that I made. The courses taught at EM Strasbourg complemented well the ones in Fribourg. The international students are great and Strasbourg is a lovely city.

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