

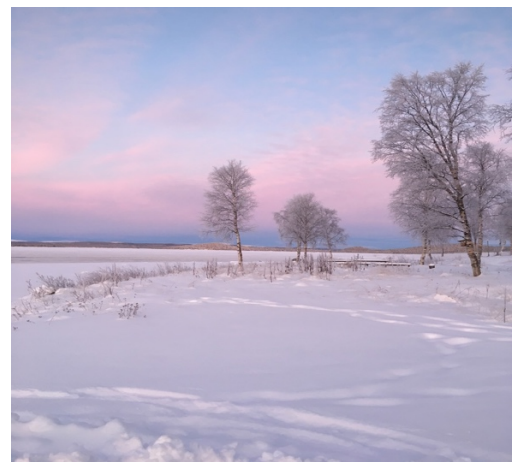
Rapport d'expérience

Informations de bases	Auteur	Yoann Carnal
	Type de mobilité	SEMP
	Quand	August – December 2018
	Voie d'études	Double Master in Public Economics and Public Finances
	Niveau pendant le séjour	Master
	Université choisie	University of Tampere, Finland
Avant le séjour	Inscription	I applied for the double degree program in public economics and public finances. Since my application was accepted by the responsible teacher, I followed the standard process as a normal exchange semester. I fulfilled the mobility form. My exchange semester was completely settled when I received my letter of acceptance from the host university. Since this moment, I started to look for classes in order to arrange my learning agreement. Once I was at the host university and decided myself for the definitive learning agreement, the coordinator signed it, then I sent this document to the international office in Fribourg.
	Préparation	To be prepared as well as I could, I attended a language class in English at the language center of the University of Fribourg. I also read all the information about the host university and looked for a flat helping by the student association there. I started all the administrative processes about 8 months before to leave.
	Visa, autres formalités	As I was in Finland, I did not need any visa. The only thing I had to complete there was my registration at the citizen office. I also received a Finnish identity number (as a social number).
	Arrivée dans le pays d'accueil	I arrived a few days before the beginning of the semester to have enough time to discover the city and to be ready for the D day. I highly recommend taking time before the beginning to be sure everything is well organized.
Sur place	Impressions générales du séjour	Not easy to summarize here in a few lines what I lived there. The most important thing is the people I met. As an international student, I met many people from around the world. The different cultures and academic backgrounds is beneficial to have another look on the world. On the academic level, I attended some classes different from my home university in the sense that the approach was different. The examination conditions were different too. I think I learnt a lot of new knowledge, not specifically in my domain, but also on the social level. Maybe one negative point is that there are always many French speaker people. But finally, I developed my English skills anyway.

Logement	I lived in a student house where I had a room with my own bathroom. I shared the kitchen with other students. This kind of accommodation is really nice to meet people and to share good time with other students but be careful to the noise!
Coûts	Finland has more or less the same living cost as in Switzerland. The accommodation, transport, food were quite the same as what I spend in Fribourg. The only more expensive thing was beers! Alcohol is highly taxed in Finland.
Université d'accueil : Informations générales	The campus is attractive. The buildings are modern and well equipped, the library is open 24/7 and we have access with the student card. The E-library is well furnished. Everything is numerical and we have access from our own laptop. The sport supply is developed. In other words, the student life is attractive.
Université d'accueil : Informations académiques	It is very different from the University of Fribourg. At the University of Tampere, the students have a lot of liberty to choose their courses. They can choose between lectures, book exams, seminars, essays on a specific subject, etc. The student-professor relationship is informal. The professors are closed to the students. We can easily talk with them and work together. I had the impression that the level of the courses was inferior of this in Fribourg. The only negative aspect is that the most interesting classes (for my domain) was in Finnish. The supply of courses in English are limited to a few classes organized for international students. Therefore, it is more difficult to meet local students. Be safe, the student association organizes many events where international and local students make parties together.
Pays d'accueil	In Finland, everybody speaks English, not only the students. It is really useful when I entered in a shop to ask some information that the person in front of me responded in English. Finnish language is difficult to learn!
Vie sociale, loisirs	The student association organized many events to meet other students. They organized also some trips to discover the country and the neighbor countries. Personally, I attended a trip to Lapland. I really recommend this trip to discover amazing landscapes and the Saami culture. Be careful, the temperatures were very low, about -25 degrees. The city of Tampere was elected by the Finnish people as the most pleasant city to live. Indeed, because of its two lakes and the proximity of the nature, Tampere is peaceful while this is the third biggest city of the country. There is many bars and restaurants to go out with friends and a lot of sportive activities to do.

Informations supplémentaires

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Try to avoid people from the same language as you!