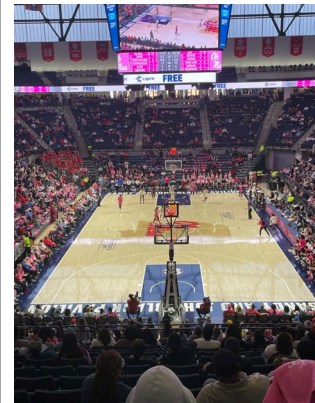


Erfahrungsbericht

Allgemeine Informationen	Verfasser	florian.hagen@unifr.ch	
	Art der Mobilität	SEMP	
	Zeitpunkt	Spring 2024	
	Studiengang	Accounting and Finance	
	Studienstufe während des Aufenthaltes	Master, 2. Jahr	
	Ausgewählte Universität	University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi	
Vor dem Aufenthalt	Einschreibung	<p>I had to register relatively early for the exchange at the University of Fribourg. Once I had been accepted, however, finding information on the University of Mississippi's (Ole Miss) website was relatively easy. The people in charge are very accommodating and help wherever they can. One point where you have to be patient is the final course enrollment. You can only decide which courses to take once you are here. It is therefore worth thinking about this in advance.</p>	
	Vorbereitung	<p>Because my Master's degree at the University of Fribourg is already in English, I could enclose a letter from a professor stating that my knowledge of English was sufficient. So, I only had to think in advance about which courses I was most interested in. There are a few small documents that Ole Miss asks you to fill in, but nothing to worry about.</p>	
	Visa, andere Formalität	<p>Yes, I had to apply for a visa. This was probably the most tedious step of the whole stay. I recommend you take at least 2 hours to prepare everything well.</p>	
	Ankunft im Gastland	<p>Unfortunately, my arrival was met with obstacles. After my connecting flight from Chicago was canceled due to a blizzard, I had to spend a night there. After a turbulent flight to Memphis, I also had to spend a night there because the shuttle bus to the campus couldn't drive on the snowy roads. The locals were talking about a storm of the century. After a night in a run-down hotel, I met the other internationals at the airport.</p>	
Vor Ort	Allgemeine Eindrücke des Aufenthaltes	<p>The semester was both an academic and a personal experience. I became more open to other cultures. Not only that of the USA but also for all the nations with which I could make friends. I had the opportunity to get to know many Americans who became my close friends. The academic approach is also different than here in Switzerland. I would say that the overall content is less difficult than in Switzerland, but I had to write weekly assignments and several midterm exams per class.</p>	

Unterkunft	I lived off-campus in an apartment with three roommates. I was with a Bolivian, a Bulgarian, and a Japanese. Each resident has their own bathroom. All in all, I am satisfied you just can't expect Swiss standards. The most positive point was that all the internationals were in the same building. So, we could do lots of things together and became very good friends.
Kosten	The fixed costs amounted to around CHF 7,000. This includes the apartment, meal plan, and all smaller fees incurred. I then spent around CHF 12,000 on travel, leisure, and souvenirs.
Gastuniversität : allgemeine Informationen	The university campus is very large. I probably couldn't explore every place myself. The people responsible for internationals regularly organize events where you can meet new people and exchange ideas. The campus is wonderful, with lots of trees and plants. The city of Oxford is a 10-minute walk away. It is straightforward to get to know people here because the locals are interested in the big wide world and therefore like to be in contact with the internationals. In general, everyone is very friendly.
Gastuniversität : akademische Informationen	I had four courses with 3 ECTS credits each. However, you have to differentiate between graduate and undergraduate courses. Graduate courses require a lot more effort than undergraduate courses, which is why I recommend only taking three courses so that you can still enjoy life. I also dropped one of the courses because I realized that otherwise, I wouldn't have enough time to get to know the country and its culture.
Gastland	Although the people are very open-minded, it was a shock to me initially that the southern states are not concerned about sustainability or other socially critical issues. It's best not to address such topics at all.
Freizeit, Studentenleben	As mentioned, I quickly made many American friends with whom I went to parties. However, you're more likely to be with the internationals because they have the same rhythm. We went to LA during spring break and also went on a road trip to New Orleans. All in all, I had a good mix of American and international friends. I highly recommend coming to Ole Miss and immersing yourself in the Southern culture. Hotty Toddy!!!



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