

## Erfahrungsbericht Austauschprogramm - *experience report*

### TEIL 2 - *part 2: Beschreibung und Bewertung - Description and Evaluation*

Major bzw. Studiengang an der Leuphana - <i>study programme at Leuphana University</i>	Management & Entrepreneurship
Minor bzw. Unterrichtsfächer - <i>minor or subjects (for teacher training students)</i>	n.a.
Studienniveau - <i>study level</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Fachsemester, in dem der Studienaufenthalt stattfand - <i>semester in which the study abroad took place</i>	4. FS
Gasthochschule - <i>host University</i>	University of St. Gallen
Land - <i>country</i>	Switzerland
Zeitraum - <i>study period</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wintersemester - <i>winter semester</i> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sommersemester - <i>summer semester</i> 2025
Ankunft/Abreise - <i>arrival/departure</i>	14/02/2025 - 23/05/2025
Verkehrsmittel - <i>transportation</i>	Airplane, Train

### Kursangebot - *course offerings*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Festgelegtes Studienprogramm ohne Wahlmöglichkeiten <i>fixed study programme</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kurse können nur an einer bestimmten Fakultät/aus einem bestimmten Studienprogramm gewählt werden, bitte nennen <i>courses can only be selected from a specific department/programme of study, please specify</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurse können fächerübergreifend aus dem gesamten Kursangebot gewählt werden <i>courses can be chosen from the full range of courses across all subjects</i>
Unterrichtssprache <i>language of instruction</i>	English

### Anerkennung - *credit transfer*

Kurs/Modul an der Gasthochschule <i>course/module at host university</i>	Modul an der Leuphana bzw. „Zusatzleistung“ <i>module at Leuphana University or “additional course”</i>
Leadership	Psychology of Negotiation
Artificial Intelligence	Contemporary Issues in Management & Entrepreneurship
Business Model Innovation	Digitilization & Management
Strategy for Sustainability	Research Project
Strategic Entrepreneurship	Entrepreneurial Project
Corporate Transformation	

**Kosten - costs**

Visum (falls zutreffend) - <i>visa (if applicable)</i>	75€	Weitere studienrelevante Kosten (Bücher, Labgebühren etc.) - <i>other study related costs (books, lab fees etc.)</i>	1500€
Reisekosten - <i>travel costs</i>	500€	Freizeit - <i>leisure</i>	500€
Unterkunft pro Monat - <i>accommodation per month</i>	730€	Studiengebühren (falls zutreffend) - <i>tuition fees (if applicable)</i>	3300€
Lebenshaltung pro Monat - <i>living per month</i>	380€	Vermittlungsgebühren (falls zutreffend) - <i>agent fees (if applicable)</i>	

**Zusammenfassung -Summary**

Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre persönlichen Erfahrungen und bewerten Sie den Studienaufenthalt im Ausland unter Berücksichtigung der folgenden Punkte. Bitte verwenden Sie keine personenbezogenen Daten wie Namen etc. Sie können gerne bis zu drei Fotos einfügen, bitte achten Sie auch hier darauf, dass keine Personen erkennbar sind.

*Please describe your personal experience and review your experience abroad considering the following aspects. Please do not use personal data like names etc. You are welcome to include up to three pictures without people who could be recognized.*

- Vorbereitung (Planung, Organisation, Bewerbung an der Gasthochschule)  
*preparation (planning, organization, application to the host university)*
- Angebote für Incomings (Orientierungsprogramm, Sprachkurse, Buddy und/oder Tandem Programm, etc.)  
*support for incoming students (orientation program, language courses, buddy and/or tandem program, etc.)*
- Unterkunft (selbst gesucht oder organisiert durch die Gasthochschule, Studierendenwohnheim oder privat, Standard, etc.)  
*accommodation (arranged by the host university yes or no, student dormitory or private, standard/quality, etc.)*
- Nachhaltigkeit (Reisen etc.)  
*Sustainability (green travel etc.)*
- Studium (Kursangebot, Unterrichtssprache, Qualität, etc.)  
*study (courses offered, language of instruction, quality of instruction, etc.)*
- Alltag und Freizeit  
*daily life and leisure*
- Fazit (beste/schlechteste Erfahrung, Weiterempfehlung ja/nein)  
*conclusion (best/worst experience, recommendation yes/no)*

Applying as a freemover at the university of St. Gallen was a smooth and straightforward process. The International Office supported the student constantly by providing continuous support, communication, and guidance at every step. Their commitment made settling into a new academic environment quite easy and to navigating e.g. the bidding process, unique to St. Gallen has been facilitated largely by the international office.

One of the highlights of studying at the host university was the wide range of courses available. While some classes were exclusive to specific programs, there was still a variety to choose from across disciplines. Most of my classes were part of international study programs, taught in English and also the lecture style was exceptionally great with engaging lecturers, interesting practice partners and insightful lecture content. These courses were even more valuable, because of their highly motivated students from around the world, offering diverse perspectives that enriched classroom discussions and group work.

Beyond academics, the university offered additional opportunities for engagement. I participated in the Buddy Program, which helped me connect with both local and international students. I also had the chance to contribute to campus life by teaching a German conversation course, which was a great way to integrate as foreign student to support the university.

Regarding accommodation, the university provided recommendations for apartment websites and offered assistance with finding housing. However, I opted for self-organized housing, which turned out to be more convenient and gave me what I'd



call the "real Swiss feeling" by living together with two local students. Hence, living independently helped me integrate into local life more deeply.

Travel within Switzerland was best done by train. However, getting to Switzerland was a bit trickier; train delays outside the country made planning difficult, so I flew in initially. Once in Switzerland, I made it a priority to travel by train as much as possible and I did not use my car during the stay here, but preferred to walk by foot since everything in St. Gallen and around was mostly in walking distance.

The natural surroundings added another layer to my experience. I took full advantage of the incredible outdoor activities available—hiking and running in the beautiful Swiss landscapes became a regular part of my routine. A personal highlight was participating in a local half-marathon which was a great experience to get to know the city as well as the people in a slightly different way.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend this experience to future students. The academic, cultural, and personal growth opportunities were immense. I also strongly encourage the Leuphana university to consider strengthening its Partnership with the University of St. Gallen, because I saw several synergistical potentials during my time here. For example, academic partnership and leverage the internationality of both universities.

However, students also need to be aware that Switzerland is compared to Germany really expensive. To have a full experience, a sufficient financial budget should be available.

