



Exchange Reports
EBS Law School
Oestrich-Winkel, Germany

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Teaching and Learning Environment

- I took 5 courses. I chose 3 from a pool of 12 which had a large variety including transnational commercial, arbitration, human rights, intellectual property, and more. My last 2 courses were occupied by a thesis which I wrote on a topic of my choice.
- I took 5 full courses plus a model that was three courses and some practical experience put together. All the courses for exchange students were separate from the rest of the school and taught in English. The program also awarded us a certificate of international law upon completion. The assessments were 100% final exams and one oral presentation to a room of our peers.
- I found the instruction to be of excellent quality, meeting, or surpassing Queen's in some regards. The Professors are leading academics in Germany, and the practitioners are the Managing Partners, Group/Practice Heads at major German, US, and European firms (e.g., Sullivan & Cromwell, Freshfields etc.). Assessment was entirely open book exam, due to COVID-19 impacts.
Lastly, I will add that the other students are fantastic. They come from a variety of regions (mainly Europe, South Korea/Japan/China, South Africa, and Australia) and really bring a lot to the table. I found the students wanted to learn, or at least, participate in class, and it made the lectures better. Finally, please note lectures are mandatory at EBS, however, I found there is a considerable amount of leeway given due to the fact the school recognizes those not from Europe especially will want to travel. Essentially, I found that so long as you were respectful,

generally in class, and limited absences to the best of your ability when planning travel (while still travelling as you like to), they were fine with it.

Quality of Administrative Support for Students

- There was a lack of assistance finding housing. The rest of the administration was good. They assisted with residency permits and everything else required to live in Germany.
- They had a dedicated faculty member to exchange students' administration. It was very good, but they are also in the process of improving their internal processes for each year.
- The head of the exchange program, Mr. Marco Picillo, is AMAZING. Very responsive and helpful. I will note though that I completed the entire program virtually. Therefore, I cannot comment on items like finding housing, orientation etc.

Campus Facilities

- The campus itself is small. There is no gym available, but students can get a membership at a local gym. The school is conveniently located near the train station. There is a library and quiet study space on campus as well.
- The campus is very small with few facilities (no gym or housing) but it is very conveniently located right beside the train station and close to downtown Wiesbaden.
- Cannot comment due to a virtual exchange. The virtual class IT infrastructure was incredible with multiple cameras in the classroom, drop-down microphones so you could hear everyone and Professors who either knew very well how to use Zoom, or who were accompanied by IT assistants. This school takes IT and online classes seriously.

Student Accommodation and Food

- All accommodations are off campus. I rented from outgoing exchange students, which worked well. The cost is around 700 euro/month. Food is also off campus but there are plenty of restaurants and grocery stores within walking distance from campus.
- There were no accommodations or food offered by the school, but there are places to grab food near campus.

Travel to Downtown and Environs

- Public transit is good. Student card gets free travel in the surrounding cities including to Frankfurt airport. It is easy to take trains around Germany, and also very easy to fly out of Frankfurt to almost anywhere.

- Public transit is very good. As I said before, the school is right beside the train station and bus terminal and walking distance from downtown. Trains to Frankfurt leave almost hourly but I would not suggest living in Frankfurt and commuting as other students will be in Wiesbaden.

City Life Highlights

- Sim cards for cell phone use can be purchased at many kiosks, even in the train station on arrival. I paid 20 euro/month which was sufficient for all my cell phone needs. Wiesbaden is a small city but has tons to offer. Check out the hiking areas around the city, explore the spa, and go to the casinos. The surrounding cities are known for their Riesling wineries, and they have a lot of beautiful old architecture.
- Get into the housing Facebook group for EBS to sublet an apartment. All of their 3rd year students also go on exchange in the fall so they will all be looking for subletters. You'll get the best most convenient places to live this way.

Student Life

- The exchange program includes a presentation which is done in groups with half exchange students and half German students. It's all in English. It's a good way to meet the German students and make friends immediately. The exchange program itself is small and students all have the chance to meet upon arrival in their first couple plenary classes.
- There is a German language course offered through the school.