



#ERASMUS  
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**Field of Study:** International Relations



**Q: Can you describe your Erasmus studies in terms of teaching and student life?**

**A:** My educational experience was very satisfying in terms of teaching methods and student life. The professors were generally not very demanding, but of course there were certain things they required; such as class participation, writing essays, and making presentations. In addition, I also had a lot of social opportunities thanks to the various events and organizations that the university organized.

**Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?**

**A:** For me, the best aspect of my education was the improvement of my English, it was very useful in this regard.

**Q: Can you share any memorable cultural experiences or events that you participated in during your Erasmus studies?**

**A:** There was a "Cooking Night" organized by our university. In this event, volunteers made dishes from their own country and presented them to the jury. At the end of the night, the jury chose the winner. Me and some of my Turkish friends cooked Turkish dishes together. We participated to the folk dance of Hungary, I watched the dances of different countries, and the most beautiful thing was that we sang Turkish songs and danced the Halay. Foreigners also accompanied us. It was really an unforgettable night.

**Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?**

**A:** Yes, Lángos was my favorite Hungarian food.



**Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?**

**A:** Even though I went in the spring semester, it was really cold. Towards the last months of my Erasmus it started to get very hot. The atmosphere was lively and dynamic. People were open-minded, sincere and helpful. It was very enriching to meet people from different cultures and gain different perspectives.

**Q: Did you have the opportunity to explore other cities or countries during your time in Europe? If yes, what were some highlights of your travels?**

**A:** Yes, and if I say the highlights of my trip; I had difficult times, I spent far away from comfort and there were times when I could not feel the soles of my feet from fatigue, but I saw things in the countries I visited that made it all worth it, so the most important thing in traveling is not to complain, the rest is somehow taken care of.

**Q: Have you tried learning local language? Can you say something in the local language?**

**A:** Yes. Just to say a few words: A nevem Ebru. (My name is Ebru.) Hogy vagy? (How are you?) Jól vagyok. (I am fine) Köszönöm. (Thank you.)

**Q: What is your general impression about country?**

**A:** My overall impression of the country was positive. Hungary is a cheap country and in a good location. Budapest is a very lively city that can meet the demands of students people are tolerant, sincere and open to different cultures and thoughts. It is also worth exploring every corner with its history and buildings. Safety, quality of life and social facilities are also satisfactory.

**Q: Would you recommend other Turkish students to apply for Erasmus studies?**

**A:** I would definitely recommend it. Take this opportunity without thinking, when you come to the end of the erasmus, you will realize that your perspective has changed, your English has improved, your cultural level has increased. Living and studying in Europe was a very valuable experience for me and I would like you to experience it too, so erase any negative thoughts from your mind and make the process the easiest for you.

