

A) Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

Bachelor of Commerce options International Management. The semesters here are split into 4 quarters, first 2 in the fall semester and 2 during the winter semester and each quarter is 6 weeks long. My classes for the first 6 weeks were:

Negotiation strategy and skill: Course format was, in person lectures in total we had 6 lectures, and each lecture was 6hours. Assignment wise we had, a) Class Contribution (18%) b) Team Presentation (40%) c) Self-Assessment and Reflection Paper (42%).

German language A1: The Final Grade will be based on 50 % Final Exam, 20% Oral presentation, 20% One graded assignment during the semester, 10% Participation in class. Regular attendance, preparation and enthusiastic participation in class are crucial to language learning courses. So is timely submission of homework assignments. Your attendance percentage must be at least 75 % (only for exchange students). This course is for the entirety of the semester, and this is the same for every language course. We usually have 2-3 classes per week, each class was 1h30 long.

Principal of Market Economy: The course is designed to provide an understanding of basic economic relationships in the market system. There are 6 classes in total and each class was 3h30 minutes long. This course is 100% exam based and the exam is 90minutes.

Leadership development and Training: The course consists of six sessions of about three hours each. In addition to class lectures, exercises and case discussions, pre-class readings are included per session to supplement the in-class material. This class has continuous assessment and no exam. Assignments consist of Diary 20%, 360-degree feedback worth 5%, momentous event reflection worth 25% and leadership development case study worth 50%.

Logistics: This course provides the students with an understanding of the logistics and supply chain functions of companies and how they interrelate with other business functions. Further, insights into the global business context for which today's supply chains need to be designed are provided. This class consists of closed-book exam that counts for 100 % of the course grade.

Management Control: This course creates a basic understanding of management accounting and control and tasks of controllers within the ranges of information supply, planning, and control. For this class there was 6 lectures, and each was 3h30 minutes long. For this class we had an exam worth 100 % of our grade.

B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

Below you may find a table in which the semester & exam dates are stated. Additionally, I would like to inform that the selection of the courses is realized before the beginning of the semester. A few weeks before, a survey will be sent to exchange students in which they will have to select their priority 1, 2, and 3 courses. With that, we are going to match the students according to their requests, and in this case, it will not be necessary to proceed with any course registration as the students are going to be enrolled in the desired courses. In case they decide to add & drop courses, this will be possible during the initial days at the beginning of the semester.

Fall semester 2023	
<i>BSc - study section 1,3,5</i>	<i>MSc - Study section I</i>
Quarter I, 7 weeks (01.09. – 20.10.)	Quarter I, 7 weeks (01.09. – 20.10.)
Exam week I (23.10. – 28.10.)	Exam week I (23.10. – 28.10.)
Quarter II, 7 weeks (30.10. – 14.12.)	Quarter II, 7 weeks (30.10. – 14.12.)
Exam week II (15.12. – 21.12.)	Exam week II (15.12. – 21.12.)
Spring semester 2024	
<i>BSc - study section 2,4,6</i>	<i>MSc - study section II</i>
Quarter III, 7 weeks (08.01. – 23.02.)	Quarter III, 7 weeks (08.01. – 23.02.)
Exam week III (26.02 – 01.03.)	Exam week III (26.02 – 01.03.)
Quarter IV, 7 weeks (04.03. – 19.04.)	Quarter IV, 7 weeks (04.03. – 19.04.)
Exam week IV (22.04. – 26.04.)	Exam week IV (22.04. – 26.04.)
<i>Management Abroad (28.04. – 11.05.)</i>	<i>Capstone Module (Abroad) (28.04. – 04.05.)</i>
Exam week V (13.05.-24.05)	
Exam week VI (19.08.-30.08)	
Fall semester 2024	
<i>BSc - study section 1,3,5</i>	<i>MSc - study section I</i>
Quarter I, 7 weeks (02.09. – 18.10.)	Quarter I, 7 weeks (02.09. – 18.10.)
Exam week I (21.10. – 25.10.)	Exam week I (21.10. – 25.10.)
Quarter II, 7 weeks (28.10. – 13.12.)	Quarter II, 7 weeks (28.10. – 13.12.)
Exam week II (16.12. – 20.12.)	Exam week II (16.12. – 20.12.)

C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

Upon arrival, students will take part in our Welcome Week. During the welcome week, important information will be given to the exchange students (e.g., course information, housing, visa, etc). Additionally, a few events will also take place during this week to improve the network between the exchange students (i.e., international dinner).

D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

My budget was as followed:

Flight round trip	\$ CAD 1800
Housing	\$ CAD 4500
Semester Bus pass	\$ CAD 180
Regional train pass	\$ CAD 35/month
Groceries	\$ CAD 250/month
Travel	\$ CAD 500
Phone plan	\$ CAD 20/ month
Leisure activities	\$ CAD 200

E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

It is possible to apply for accommodation right after receiving the welcome e-mail. The instructions are provided in the e-mail. As for the visa, Canadians citizens are allowed to enter Germany without any visa. During the initial days, we will provide further information concerning visa and support students to proceed with their visa request during the initial days in Germany.

F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing

My residence for my exchange is called Smart Flats Goethestraße, the address is: Goethestr. 8 a, 56179 Vallendar. The unit is a single room apartment with approx. 22 sm on the top floor, the kitchenette is provided with all basic cooking equipments, dishes etc., bedding, bed-linen and towels will be available, all costs like heating, water, electricity and garbage inclusive as well as internet (WLAN) are inclusive.

Your contract will be valid from August 22 – December 22, 2023

They charge block prices for the whole semester in which a final cleaning fee is already included. The rent for the whole semester (4 months) is 2.370 € inclusive of all additional costs (incl. W-Lan) and has to be on our account at least 2 weeks before arrival as well as the security deposit of 500 €. (via paypal – payment details you will get after having signed the rental contract).

G) Other comments or recommendations

When flying in I would recommend landing in Frankfurt international airport as it is quite easy to get from the airport to Vallendar. The Uber application doesn't work in this part of Germany, so I'll advise you to have some cash on you to grab a Taxi from the train station. Also, for the transit journey I'll recommend catching the train from Frankfurt to Koblenz and then take a taxi from Koblenz to your residence in Vallendar, taxi should cost 30 Euros.

For clothing you don't need a heavy winter jacket something light that is waterproof would do just fine. If a student is coming during the fall semester, I would recommend that they attend the event called Euromasters tickets were €130 for a 2-day event. Every Tuesday there is an event called Tauschie Tuesdays, it is pretty much a small event each week that brings international students together with local German students and on each Tuesday, there is a different theme for the event.

H) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.

My experience as an exchange student in Vallendar, Germany, was nothing short of transformative. Coming from Canada, I embarked on a journey that introduced me to a whole new world of culture, language, and traditions. Vallendar, a charming town nestled along the picturesque banks of the Rhine River, became my home for the duration of my exchange program.

The warm and welcoming people of Vallendar made me feel like a part of their community from day one. I had the opportunity to immerse myself in German culture, improving my language skills and gaining a deeper understanding of their way of life. The town's rich history and architecture, including the stunning St. Martin's Church and the medieval Burg Namedy, never ceased to amaze me.

One of the most memorable aspects of my time in Vallendar was the delicious local cuisine, from hearty sausages and pretzels to the delightful pastries and, of course, the world-famous German beer. Exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside, with its lush forests, vineyards, and hiking trails, was another highlight of my stay.