

# Erasmus+ Experience


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# About University

College of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar (Croatian: Veleučilište "Lavoslav Ružička" u Vukovaru) is an education institution situated in Vukovar, Croatia. College of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar carries the educational programs of Trade Study, Administrative Studies and Physiotherapy Study.





Studying at a university as a foreign student is a truly transformative experience that encompasses a wide range of emotions, challenges, and opportunities. It is a journey of growth, self-discovery, and cross-cultural understanding. As an international student, I found myself immersed in a new environment, surrounded by people from diverse backgrounds, and facing both familiar and unfamiliar academic systems.



One of the most significant aspects of studying abroad is the initial adjustment period. Moving to a new country can be both thrilling and overwhelming. The language barrier, different customs, and unfamiliarity with the local culture can make even the simplest tasks seem daunting. Being away from home and family can be emotionally challenging. However, I found solace in the university's supportive international student community. Also, that's great that I went to Croatia with my friends. We had a lot of fun and supported each other.


Attending lectures and classes in a foreign language was a challenge at first, but it also strengthened my language skills and improved my ability to communicate effectively. The diversity of perspectives in the classroom was eye-opening, as students from various countries brought their unique insights to discussions and debates. This exposure to different viewpoints broadened my horizons and enriched my academic experience.



**Gathering with our  
Erasmus+ incoming  
students**



Studying abroad also opens up a world of travel opportunities. During breaks and weekends, we had the chance to explore neighboring cities and countries, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Traveling not only exposed us to breathtaking landscapes and landmarks but also exposed me to diverse cultures, enriching my understanding of the world.



As with any academic journey, the coursework was demanding, and time management was crucial. Balancing academics with social activities and personal interests required discipline and organization. Nevertheless, the exposure to cutting-edge research and world-class faculty in my chosen field of study made it all worthwhile.

Living and studying in a foreign country taught me invaluable life skills, such as adaptability, independence, and open-mindedness. I learned to embrace change and uncertainty, becoming more self-reliant and confident in the process. Over time, the foreign country began to feel like a second home, and the connections I formed with people there will forever hold a special place in my heart.

# Thank You

## For This Great Experience

Studying at a university as a foreign student is an adventure that goes beyond academic pursuits. It is an immersive experience that shapes one's character, fosters personal growth, and creates lasting memories. The exposure to diverse cultures and perspectives serves as a catalyst for cross-cultural understanding and empathy, essential qualities in our interconnected world.

