

## **NEO ALBANIA**

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## "Erasmus+ a story to tell"

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E+ Programme: Exchange Students

Host Institution: Nicolaus Copernicus University

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## My Journey towards Erasmus+



My name is Kleo, student from University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani". I am studying General Nursing currently, my last year as bachelor student and I had the chance to spend one semester in Poland as an Erasmus+ mobility student.

I read about this program for the first time in August. I had heard before about Erasmus+ but i did not have a lot of information about it. I started to check information about Erasmus+ program at my home university in the website and contacted the IRO for possible options where i could apply for mobility. In my case, the application deadline for the second semester was in September so i had less than a month to prepare all the necessary documents to apply. I applied call autumn 2019 with these documents:

- -Photocopy of Passport
- -Confirmation certificate that u are an UE student

- -English Language Certificate
- -CV in English
- -Application Form

Learning Agreement it's another important step because in it are included all courses you have to study there but these courses have to be recognized in your home university. So I studied Learning Agreement together with my professor and we make sure that our choice was right.

## My Erasmus My Bydgoszcz



When I arrived in Bydgoszcz I was alone. I took the train from Warsaw to Bydgoszcz and I arrived in my dormitory near the university campus. I felt a

connection with that place since the first day. I didn't know so much about Poland so my expectations were low but i was totally wrong. I faced such a different reality in a better way. I expected a normal city but even while walking around, I admired buildings, wanted to know the history behind them and to visit everything. You just find a little diamonds everywhere, so much beauty in one place. Besides, it is pleasant and easy to travel around the country. Bydgoszcz is close to a lot of places, so if you are tired of it you can just take a train to another city, which will be totally different. In addition, tickets had a discount for students, which is very helpful, and trains are in very good condition.

I would definitely recommend students to go there. First of all, they need to find a matching program for their studies. NCU is a great university, everything is well-organized at my Collegium Medicum classes and labs. Even if some teachers do not speak fluent English they try to make you understand the subject. They give energy and time to you, even if you are the only foreign student in the class. I learned so many new things which it is very important for future students to know: You have to join every class. labs and do the reports.



Travelling and friendship is another thing that Erasmus+ offers to you. During my Erasmus+ mobility at NCU, I realized how wonderful and marvelous this world is, opened to myself new bright cultures, incredible traditions, beautiful languages,

interesting people, to cut a long story short, a new side of reality.

Every day I had a great opportunity to practice my English and Italian, communicating with other students, and even started to learn a few words in Polish! I got strong motivation to move on and continue self-development to become the best version of myself. Moreover, I found my best friends and realized that sometimes it's easier to understand a foreigner in a foreign language, than a countryman in a mother tongue.



A lot of cities in Poland are actually really beautiful like, Torun, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Krakow, Poznan, Gdansk so maybe I would recommend those to other students. However, most of all I liked the trip to Zakopane a fairytale village between mountains. It was an amazing 4 days of travel and mount hiking. We had the opportunity to visit also Torun the best medieval city i have ever seen. It was fun and interesting at the same time. Erasmus Student Network, thank you to the moon and back!

Memento vitae — remember about life, live the moment.