I spent the 2nd semester of the academic year 2020/21 at the BOKU (Universität für Bodenkultur Wien) in Vienna on an Erasmus+ scholarship. During the 5 months I spent in Vienna I met a lot of new people and had many new experiences. At the university, due to the pandemic, we took a hybrid course, which meant that most of our classes were online, but practical classes and excursions were held in person.

I would highly recommend BOKU. At this university Erasmus students can choose any subject they want, there is no set curriculum for them. This allowed us to take classes that we found interesting. We could choose from a wide range of subjects, both in English and German, and it was not a problem if we wanted to take a Msc. subject as Bsc. students.

The teachers were nice and helpful, the university is environmentally friendly, modern and located in a beautiful environment.

The city is beautiful and full of life, we were not bored even during the pandemic. At the beginning of the semester, the restrictions were tighter and the nightclubs were closed, but we could visit the sights and museums.

There are many museums to choose from in Vienna, including the Natural History Museum, which I would recommend to those interested in history and biology. We also visited several interactive museums, such as the Technisches Museum, the Haus der Musik and the Museum der Illusionen. In the Albertina museum you can see works by famous painters such as Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet.

In addition to visiting museums, we organised excursions with Erasmus students to the surrounding towns and mountains, and we always had the opportunity to organise small get-togethers, for example on the banks of the Danube or in parks.

As the end of the semester approached, the restrictions gradually eased, giving us more opportunities to relax and organise joint activities.

I would recommend Erasmus to anyone who is just thinking about this possibility. If you want to meet new people, improve your language skills, have unforgettable experiences and try yourself in a new environment, apply now, you won't regret it!

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