

## Erfahrungsbericht über den Auslandsaufenthalt

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Austausch im:</b>	<b>2021/2022</b> <small>(akademischen Jahr)</small>
<b>Studiengang:</b>	<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Zeitraum</b> <small>(von bis):</small>	<b>September 2021 - February 2022</b>
<b>Land:</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Stadt:</b>	<b>Rome</b>
<b>Universität:</b>	<b>Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"</b>	<b>Unterrichts- sprache:</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Austauschprogramm:</b> <small>(z.B. ERASMUS)</small>	<b>ERASMUS+</b>		

Angaben zur Zufriedenheit während des Aufenthalts:  
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

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Soziale Integration:					X
Akademische Zufriedenheit:			X		
Zufriedenheit insgesamt:					X

ECTS-Gebrauch: JA: **x** NEIN:

### Vorbereitung

#### Bewerbung / Einschreibung

(z.B. Bewerbungsschreiben, Fristen, zeitlicher Ablauf, Zusammenstellung des Stundenplans (mit/ohne ECTS))

Applying at the department of Statistics in Dortmund was really easy - all I needed to do was fill out a form listing the universities, I would like to go to. At the beginning of June, I had to upload some documents to a website belonging to Sapienza University, and after that my registration was complete.

Completing my learning agreement took a few weeks since not all of the classes listed on the website of Sapienza University were held that semester. However, the study coordinator from Sapienza was friendly and helpful with recommending alternative courses..

#### Finanzierung (z.B. Auslands-Bafög, ERASMUS-Förderung, anderen Stipendien, etc.)

I received an ERASMUS+ scholarship

#### Dokumente (z.B. Visa, Aufenthaltsgenehmigung, Reisepass, etc.)

Other than my regular identity card I did not need any documents

#### Sprachkurs (im Heimatland oder an der TU Dortmund, online, etc.)

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### Während des Aufenthalts

#### Ankunft (z.B. Anreise, Einschreibungsformalitäten; Einwohnermeldeamt)

I took the night train from Munich to Rome, which was comfortable. All the official orientation activities were held online, so all I had to do was email my train ticket to the Erasmus office of my receiving faculty and they completed the registration for me. There is an Italian social security number which is called Codice Fiscale that some landlords require if you want to rent their apartment. Maybe ask your landlord, if you need to have one and if so, try to apply for it quite soon, since it needs some time to get one.

**Campus** (Ansprechpartner (z.B. International Office, Koordinatoren, etc.), Mensa, Cafeteria, Bibliothek, Computerräume)

With problems regarding my studies, I usually asked my faculty's buddy, who was really helpful ([https://www.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/allegati/Orari%20buddies\\_agg.pdf](https://www.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/allegati/Orari%20buddies_agg.pdf))  
The university's mensas are quite affordable (3€ per meal) and the food is pretty good. The mensa near the economics building (Via del Castro Laurenziano, 7b) has better food than the main mensa. To get your mensa card you need to download an app (Mensa Card DiSCo Lazio) and stop by the main mensa at Via Cesare de Lollis 24/b to activate it.  
The university has many different libraries that you can book seats at over a central library system, I found the one by the philosophy faculty was the prettiest one.  
There is also the "Biblioteca nazionale centrale di Roma" near the university, that you can use for free, if you get a library card. The library is nice and has a study atmosphere that is a lot more calm and relaxed than in the university's libraries.  
Cinema Troisi in Trastevere has a library that is open 24/7, but it is quite crowded during exam season.

**Vorlesungen** (z.B. Prüfungen, ECTS, Studienaufbau, Professoren, erforderliches Sprachniveau etc.)

Almost all the master-level classes at my faculty were held in English. They were mostly 6-ECTS classes and I would say that all in all they were about the same amount of work than 6-ECTS classes in Dortmund.  
Since (at least in the department for computer science and statistics) you don't need to register for courses in advance, I can recommend listing a couple more classes than you want to take on your learning agreement, visiting all these classes in the first couple lecture weeks and then deciding, which ones to keep. I would particularly recommend this, since the class description on the faculty's website did not always reflect what actually was taught in the class.  
The professors were all really helpful and quick with responding to questions via email.  
In Rome the classes almost exclusively consisted of frontal lectures with hardly any exercises sessions or tasks for the students to solve by themselves. One professor gave us exercise questions but refused to give discuss solutions, even though multiple students in the class complained that they could not solve any of the exercises. This was really frustrating for me and led to me struggling with the subject matter quite a lot. I also would say that this led to me learning less compared to the lectures in Dortmund. Of course, the exchange program was still worth it and I would absolutely do it again, however I would make sure to only take applied courses.  
One course that I really enjoyed was Robotics I by professor de Luca, which he holds every other semester. We watched many interesting videos of robots doing their work and there were loads of practice exercises. I don't think the class is suitable for statistics/ data science students, since it is mostly mechanics and some basic physics, that I did not know at all, but if you study something mechanics-related, go for it :)

**Wohnen** (z.B. Wohnmöglichkeiten, Wohnungssuche/-ausstattung, Miete, Kautions, Wohngeld etc.)

I got an apartment over <https://www.sturent.it/>. In the end, the apartment was nice and close to campus. However, the Sturent-organization was not the greatest, often did not respond to emails and the communication with them was not always friendly.

The faculty of computer science and statistics is not on the main campus, but has many buildings across the city, maybe you can find out where your lectures will be before looking for an apartment. Also, finding an apartment near the Metro A or B line saves you a lot of time.

**Unterhaltskosten** (z.B. Lebensmittel, Miete, Benzin, Eintrittsgelder, Ermäßigungen, Studentenrabatte, etc.)

I found rent and groceries to be more expensive than in Dortmund.

If you are 25 or under and a citizen of the EU, most museums only cost 2€, which is nice.

**Öffentliche Verkehrsmittel** (z.B. Verkehrsnetz, wichtige Buslinien, Fahrplan, Preise, Ticket-Verkaufsstellen, Fahrradverleih)

I had a monthly public transportation card, which costs 35€. You can get them at tabaccherias everywhere in the city. The metro is reliable, but maybe also take good walking shoes with you, because there are many places you can not reach by metro and the busses are a bit unreliable.

**Kontakte** (z.B. Tandem-/Mentorenprogramm, ESN-Betreuung, Sportmöglichkeiten, Vereine)

ESN in Rome has a pretty big orientation week, which you will get an invite for via email.

**Nachtleben / Kultur** (z.B. Bars, Clubs, Einkaufsmöglichkeiten, Sehenswürdigkeiten, Kino, Ausflüge)

Rome has so many great Museums and things to see.

I can recommend getting a MIC card (<http://www.museiincomuneroma.it/it/infopage/mic-card>) that will let you enter many museums in Rome for a reduced fee.

Galleria Borghese was my favourite museum. Some of my favourite, maybe not so well known museums in Rome were Museo Nazionale Romano in Palazzo Massimo, Galleria Doria Pamphilj, Museo Ebraico di Roma, Augustus' mausoleum, Villa Medici, Galleria Corsini and Palazzo Barberini.

There are so many beautiful churches to visit. Some I really liked were the four major basilicas, Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, San Clemente (this is more of an archeological excavation site with three churches built on top of each other), San Luigi dei Francesi (it has three pictures by Caravaggio), Santo Stefano Rotondo and Chiesa del Gesù.

You can easily go to the beach in Ostia (also visiting the excavation site of Ostia Antica, which is an antique city that is very well preserved on the way is great fun), but I found the beaches of Anzio and Nettuno a little prettier, closer to nature and less crowded.

A day trip to Tivoli with Ville d'Este, Villa Gregoriana, and Villa Adriana is also great (although you probably need two trips if you want to see all three of them).

You can get a great view over thy city from the Terrazza del Pincio near Piazza del Popolo, the Giardino degli Aranci or the Gianicolo (it is also nice to see the sunrise from there). Furthermore, you can go on top of the Altare della Patria.

The Istituzione Universitaria dei Concerti of Sapienza university organizes two classical concerts at the Aula Magna of Sapienza each week. As a Sapienza student, you can get ten tickets for 30€, which I found was really worth it.

Gelateria Mamò has great ice cream and Villa Doria Pamphilj is a really pretty park.

**Sonstiges** (z.B. Bank (Kreditkarte, Auslandskonto), Auslandsversicherung, Telefonieren, Internet, evtl. Nebenjob)

I had a credit card by DKB, which was useful since I did not have to pay any fees at ATMs. Having a credit card is handy, since sometimes when you want to book tickets for concerts or museums online, you need one.

## Nützliches

**Sonstige Tipps und Infos** (z.B. nützliche Links, Telefonnummern / E-Mail-Adressen, Adressen etc. von Behörden)

