

**Impressions of ASUE outgoing students studying at ASUE partner universities and incoming students to ASUE
2016-2017 academic years**



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Thanks to Erasmus+ programme, we got the chance to experience a completely new culture and lifestyle in the beautiful city of Yerevan. Although the first couple of days were a bit hectic in this fast paced capital, we instantly discovered the friendly nature of Armenians and of course, wonderful cuisine.

University offered, for us, a new method of obtaining knowledge, through open and innovative classes held by incredibly friendly and ingenious professors. Special thanks have to go to our coordinator and the Head of the Foreign Relations Division, Mrs Vard Ghukasyan, as well as her assistant, Mrs Anzhelika Musayelyan, who made us feel very welcome from the start and went out of their way in order to help us in each and every way they can.

An incredible experience, albeit a short one. We hope it gets the attention it deserves in the future.



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The wonderful experience of living and studying in Athens was granted to us this time.

It was a great pleasure for us to study one semester in Athens University of Economics and Business which is included in the best 100 universities of the world.

Living in sunny and hospitable Athens we enjoyed not only the sun and sea but also got acquainted with new and interesting professors and students,

the experience gained from whom will accompany us during our whole life.

Here we had the chance to not only travel within Greece, but also to learn a bit Greek as a result of communication with the Greek people.

We are sure in the future the students who will have the opportunity to study in Athens thanks to this program will enjoy bright and beautiful Greek days.

More detailed information in Diana Yeghiazaryan's blog is available at the following link:

<http://erasmuser.weebly.com/>.



Gohar Matevosyan

PhD student at Chair of Theory of Economics

Due to “ERASMUS+ program” I was granted an opportunity to participate in PhD program at Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia), which is, by the way, one of the best 20 PhD programs of Europe. The possibilities and opportunities are really enormous, but I will mention about the ones which are the most motivating for me and my friends; many

meetings with professors and ambassadors coming from different EU states and the USA, new experience and knowledge, many connections, networks and again connections (believe me, they are the most important). Besides learning, you manage to travel, discover the world and people, new cultures and languages; in short your worldview is changed in 180 degrees. And what I gave to Erasmus+ and how much is my presence here justified, in my opinion, is an important issue to think about. At this moment I can say that if before very few local people and foreign students knew about Armenia (they were mainly mentioning Kardashians), now they are familiar with our centuries-long history, glorious culture and, of course, innovative and intellectual potential on which me and my 3 Armenian friends (Haykaz Fanyan, Ruzan Tadevosyan and Viktoriya Movsesyan) made a presentation dedicated to Armenia (in front of the audience of 70 people).

They even tasted the best Armenian cognac, heard the amazing sounds of “Sabre Dance” of Aram Khachaturyan and Kamancha. This is Erasmus+ program. Dear ASUE, I am very grateful to you for the reliance in me and this opportunity and I hope to justify all your expectations.



Marine Aleksanyan

Department of Marketing and Business Organization

As we, the “Erasmus+” students say, “Erasmus” is not several months in your life; it is a full life in some months. I was a first-year student when I saw “Erasmus+” announcement on our university webpage for the first time and became very excited. I was looking forward to studying in the second year in order to be able to apply for this program. I have chosen Bialystok University of Technology since it is one of

the most consistent and famous universities of Poland.

Although the climate was not as sunny as it is in Armenia, friendly environment and Faculty members filled our days with warmth. Thanks to Erasmus+ I discovered myself in a new way; discovered not only a new person, but also a new Armenian. I realized on the first days, that besides learning I have an important responsibility to represent my country, its centuries-long history to people, some of whom have not even heard about it. In the frames of “Erasmus+” you understand that you are not just an ordinary student, but an Armenian one, who must study the way to represent the country and motherland with honour. Now I have friends from almost 15 countries and each of them had his/her small impact on the development of my mentality, now I look at many issues from different prospective, perceive things differently, I have completely new knowledge about different countries.

And the lessons are incredibly interesting, since every professor has his/her unique method of delivering lectures, which are completely new for me. “Erasmus+” is a huge success for me, due to which I managed to gain so much knowledge and experience in some months, that people do not manage to gain during a lifetime.



Mher Vardanyan, *Department of Finance,*
Bachelor` degree

“Erasmus+” program gave me a wonderful opportunity to communicate with professors and students from different countries, participate in cultural and academic events, of one which was TEDxUHasselt. The experience gained through this program is irreplaceable. Moreover, studying several specific subjects, I think that Erasmus+ will meet the needs of those who both want to study

new cultures and gain new knowledge, experience in the frames of their professions. Thus, I highly recommend it to all.



Martin Movsesyan

Department of International Economic Relations, Bachelor's degree

Greetings! I am Martin Movsesyan, a student of International Economic Relations Department of Armenian State University of Economics. My story is a bit funny, but at the same time very interesting. In 2015 following the announcement of Foreign Relations Division I applied for "Erasmus+" program, but not passing the appropriate examination, I was out of competition and decided to study next year. And it's already 2017 and I study at University of Hasselt (Belgium) within the same program. At University of Hasselt I especially like the fact, that practical knowledge is more emphasized, since students can study literature themselves. The host university organizes many cultural, scientific and entertainment events almost every week.

In short, there is a very active student life here, which, in my opinion, lacks in Armenia.

Now I can surely say that due to "Erasmus +" program I was able to get acquainted with the cultures of many countries, gained many friends from different countries and at the same time studied not only economic subjects, but also those which indirectly influence the stabilization of the economy.

It is worth mentioning that, in addition to this, I had the opportunity to travel not only to different cities in Belgium, but also to the neighbouring countries. Thus, I am very grateful to ASUE, staff of Foreign Relations Division and, of course, "Erasmus +" program for giving me this opportunity.



Tatevik Hovhannisyan

Department of International Economic Relations, Master's degree

Since the first day of study at ASUE I was always interested in studying abroad, as I am sure that this experience is extremely valuable in the life of every student. Becoming a member of Erasmus+ family and having the opportunity to study one semester at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius I can surely say that it is the best period in my life. As it is said "Erasmus" is not several months in your life; it is a full life in some months. Erasmus is an amazing program which gathers a lot of young people from different parts of the world, gives an opportunity to study and develop together simultaneously getting acquainted with cultural features and customs of different nations, deepen the knowledge of English as well as learn new languages, the learning of which you did not have any opportunity. Mykolas Romeris University, having auditoriums and a library in tune with modern requirements, has become a place where I gained new knowledge and practically used it as well as I developed my team-working skills. Actively being involved in the events organized by the international office I had the opportunity to participate in a set of open lectures, seminars, volunteer programs and visits

to Lithuanian parliament, presidential palace, Central bank and different organizations. But I will not exaggerate in saying that the gained knowledge is more valuable if you spend it with your friends while travelling and discovering the ancient and modern European cities, participating in a lot of inter-cultural and entertainment events and competitions and just walking along the fairy tale streets of Vilnius. Until the end of my Erasmus experience some weeks remain. Although I will miss these weeks, I hurry to return back to Armenia to invest all my knowledge in the development of my motherland.



Davit Malkhasyan

First year Master`s degree student of Accounting and Auditing Department

“Erasmus+” exchange program gives a unique opportunity to recognize the world, develop as a specialist and most importantly as an individual.

It is undeniable that Erasmus+ is an experience for lifetime; << Once Erasmus, Always Erasmus>>.

Studying at SGH Warsaw School of economics in Warsaw, Poland I had the opportunity to develop my economic skills and gained new experience. Although for a short time I had the chance to study according to European academic methods. Communication with hundreds of foreign students from different countries is also an important factor. It enables to learn new cultures, which is surely useful both as an individual and as a professional. Thus, many friends, acquaintances and ties around the world.

For me was also important to meet people who are an example for every young person with their success and achievements. I had the opportunity to meet Edgar Ghazaryan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to Poland, Tony Abbott, Australian Former Prime Minister, Alfred Lyon, Brazilian Ambassador, a number of businessmen who are motivating the youth with their success.



Anna Azatyan

ASUE Yeghegnadzor Branch

I studied at Economics Department of Miskolc University (Hungary). I would like to share my impressions and tell that “Erasmus+” program gave me a great opportunity to study, add, and develop my professional knowledge, as well as to improve my English. Due to this program I have gained new friends from a

number of countries, got acquainted with culture and traditions of different countries, as well as I travelled to several countries and visited many cities.

This program gives a great opportunity for self-establishment to the students who apply for it and reach out any results. I have acquired a great experience for lifetime, which is necessary for every student.



Anna Ghorukhchyan

Management department, Master 's degree

Hi, I am Anna. I have studied at ASUE partner Miskolc University (Hungary) during the spring semester of the 2016-2017 academic year. First, I should note that Hungarians are very hospitable and warm nation like Armenians, ready to help each other at every moment, due to which I felt like in my native country since the very first day of my mobility. The study at Miskolc

University helped me to deepen my knowledge in the sphere of economics, gain a number of new skills during the trainings conducted via interactive methods and as a result of exchange of thoughts and opinions with foreign students and professors I have learned to understand and accept them, expand my worldview and my imaginations. During the whole period of my study abroad, I also felt the support of my native University, in the face of Foreign Relations Office staff. And the most important thing is that I have gained new friends, whom I'll see in Armenia in future.

So if you want to spend several months of your student life in a new environment, have unforgettable impressions, gain new knowledge, deepen your English skills, and, at last, travel with your friends discovering cultures and everyday life of the other countries, then apply for the program without any doubt and try yourself.



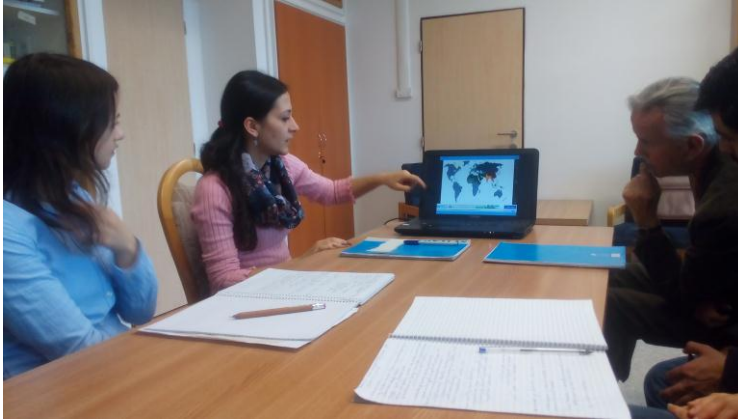
Haykaram Drmeyan

ASUE Gyumri branch, First year Master 's degree student

It has been a long period since I have been studying at Juraj Dobrila University of Pula (Croatia) at the Department of Finance and tourism. Erasmus+ program provided me the opportunity to study in a new environment and with new methods. The privilege is that we are only taught by professors, the literature is quite good and

updated written by the professors of Harvard and Oxford universities. I am sure that these few months will give very good chance also to improve my English skills. Undoubtedly, the new environment, good specialists, new friends and ties and travelling provided additional experience

and skills which I can use in the future. We “suffered a lot” in Armenia together with the employees of Foreign relations division of ASUE in order to solve the issues related to visa, but I am convinced, it was worth it. I am grateful to ASUE for granting me this opportunity.



Margarit Marukyan, *PhD student at the Department of Marketing and Business Organization,*

My study period was mainly dedicated to research and preparation of papers for publication. I conducted a survey on the quality of education and students expectations in Armenian universities (as a part of my PhD dissertation) and

tried to have the same in Miskolc for comparison. The key factors of this experience are the academic environment and new teaching methods: in PhD programs discussions are the main part of the lessons. The lecturer provides the students with teaching materials beforehand and one of the students is assigned to present the subject completely and the hypothesis starting from the comments on economic categories and ending with the criticism of them. At the end of the presentation the lecturer makes additions, the PhD students raise their questions and start a discussion with the lecturer around the topic. Discussions on the economic growth models and comparative analyses are often held as well. It was a great experience of professional and personal development!



Albert Hovhannisyan, *Master`s degree student at the Department of Marketing and Business Organization,*

This experience is a perfect opportunity for students not only in terms of learning in a new academic environment, but also thanks to intercultural communications, since at our group we have a lot of students from different parts of the world. Besides commenting on the same fact present in our native countries during the lessons we also tell each other about our

cultures, the features of our countries, which is very important in terms of development as an individual. The university has very well developed infrastructures and it was not only useful but also interesting and great to study here!



Inessa Simonyan

Department of Marketing and Business Organization, Bachelor's degree

When I was studying in high school I decided to definitely study abroad which would help me to sharpen my learning skills and would give me a great experience that could make lifetime memories. When I became a student of Armenian State University of Economics

I heard that our university was cooperating with Erasmus + program so I realized that it was the very opportunity I was searching for so I applied for the program and now I am a student of Varna University of Management.

Studying at VUM gave me a lot of experience which I would like to share. Firstly, I liked the educational system that Varna University of Management was offering since we gained a lot of practical knowledge through our lessons while drawing parallels between real life and theories we studied. Secondly, studying abroad gave me lots of friends and new acquaintances. This very experience helped me to extend my horizons, it changed some main aspects in my way of thinking and observing reality, after which I started to notice small but vital things that I was unable to see before. Due to Erasmus + program now we have lots of friends that belong to different nations and this very experience taught all of us, Erasmus students, that we are the ones that really can destroy the walls existing among our cultures.

And finally, studying abroad helped me to learn living on my own, this experience was another daring step to my maturity. It taught me the art of believing in myself since working hard is important but there is something that matters most, it is Believing in yourself.



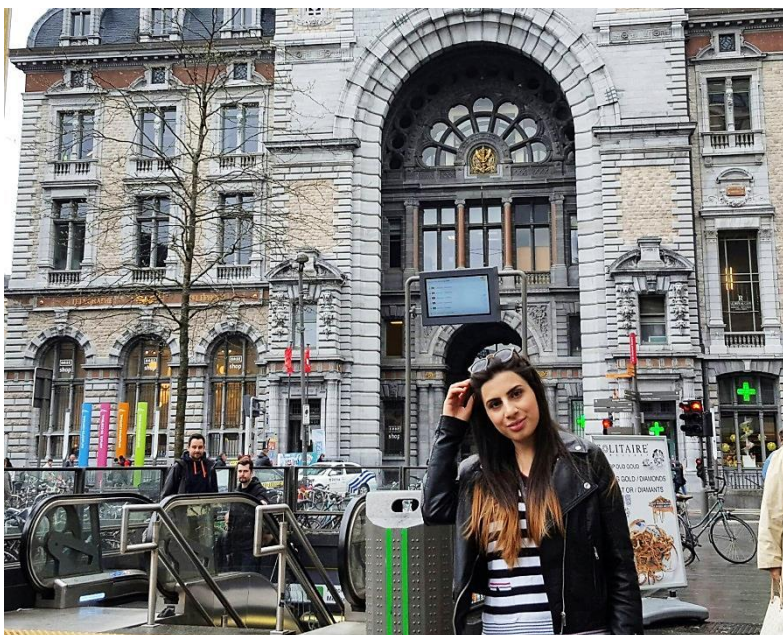
Gevorg Petrosyan

Department of Informatics and Statistics

Hello! I am a second-year student at the Department of Informatics and Statistics. Being informed about “Erasmus+” program I immediately decided to become a member of big Erasmus family. I tried and had a success. Before speaking about my study abroad I want to express my gratitude to ASUE and its staff, especially Foreign Relations division, our support

team. I have never been to Europe and it was my big dream. But who would ever know that I will go to Europe for the first time as a student. It is summer semester of 2016/2017 academic year and I am at Varna University of Management. I meet here the representatives of 40 countries, who have

different cultures, traditions, religions. I created a big friendly environment to always keep in touch with them, as they took a part of my soul with them. Bulgaria was glorious. I enjoyed windy and rainy Bulgarian spring and sunny and welcoming summer. The university staff was professional and all the professors knew English well. I will miss that period which was the best in my life.



Ruzan Tadevosyan

PhD student at the Department of International Economic relations

In the frames of Erasmus+ program I was hosted at Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia).

The program provides me an opportunity to enrich both my professional and general knowledge of the world. Simultaneously it contributes to the change of some of my character traits, helps me to become more self-confident, as living far from family you have to overcome all the

difficulties alone and rely only on yourself. Regarding professional knowledge, it helps me to work on my final thesis and later on I can widely use it in my work. The program also gives the opportunity to communicate with students from different nationalities, which is in its turn a good chance to learn new languages. If we also add the travelling during free days (as we know, it is the only thing we spend money on that makes us richer), then we can describe the program with one word; wonderful.



Viktorya Movsesyan

PhD student at the Department of International Economic relations

Within Erasmus+ program I was hosted at Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia). Here I have the chance to deepen my knowledge and study issues, which form the core of my PhD thesis. Also an opportunity is provided to cooperate with the best

specialists of their profession area, who help you in any arising issue and provide with literature. In the frames of the program I get acquainted with young people from different countries with different culture, mentality, lifestyle, but all of them have the same similarity; they want to study and acquire new knowledge, as well as create new networks. Through Erasmus+ program we can combine

pleasant with useful, which is travelling to European states, see architecture of different countries, study their development level. etc. Thank you!



Ani Manukyan

Department of Management

Being an Erasmus student is like living another life. It is time for self-dependence and self-reliance. During just one semester I gained a lot of knowledge, both general and professional. Every Erasmus student is given the chance to learn a language, which she/he, probably, never thought of. After a short period, you will be ready to compare study systems, and it will make you appreciate your home University's system, but also will give you good ideas of how to improve it.

It is also guaranteed that you are going to meet a lot of nice people, who will become family for you.

So, «Erasmus+» is “knowledge, real life, friendship and good memories for a lifetime”