

Exchange Report

Paris School of Business

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Paris

Paris was a great city to spend my exchange term in as there is always something new to do, see and experience! Paris has a special atmosphere and I would truly encourage everyone to go there and experience living in the city.

Housing

There are a lot of different ways to arrange accommodation in Paris, such as Air BnB, student residences or Facebook groups for Swedes in Paris. Something to keep in mind is that the living standard can be varying even if the rents are can seem high.

The school

The semester starts with orientation days which, in the fall semester, takes place around mid-September and provides information about the school and Paris. The classes start about a week later, during the last week of September, with final exams finishing around the 20th of December. Even if the semester is much shorter then in Sweden, my personal experience was that this was enough time do the course assignments and study for the exams.

The premises and facilities at the school the standard is lower than at SBS. For example, there are no places to study at the school and few places to sit down to eat. There are several different associations at the school that students can join and who organize events, even if they in my experience were not very welcoming to exchange students. And as Paris itself has so much to offer it's not really needed.

Quality of teaching

The quality of teaching is varying depending the courses and teachers. My experiences were that the quality of teaching is much lower than at SBS. Courses generally lacked in structure and didn't have a clear goal. The courses are instead based on the presentations in class, which means that the content and quality depend solely on the teacher.

The classes are small and the teachers generally encourage discussions in class. In most of my courses group projects and presentations were mainly used as methods for continuous assessment and they all had a much less academic approach than courses at SBS.

Something to keep in mind for the exams is that every course can be taken by several classes who all have different teachers, but all students take the same exam. As the course content is very dependent on the teachers it can be good to find people from other groups to compare what you have done during the semester to prepare for the exam.