

# FUBiS – Winter School program

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## 1. Course Overview

The course I attended was Urban Economics. On the first day, students introduced themselves and briefly shared their academic background in economics, which helped the professor adjust the lecture level. The course was structured to allow students to approach urban economics step by step, starting from basic and easily understandable concepts.

There were no classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, instead of regular lectures, field trips were organized, allowing students to gain hands-on experience by visiting places such as museums related to urban development and history.

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## 2. Course Content

The course covered key topics in urban economics, including urban growth, city size, land use, transportation, and crime. Most lectures were conducted by explaining economic theories and principles alongside real-world examples from specific cities or regions, which made the content easier to understand.

Assessment was based on written exams. Students were asked to describe concepts learned in class or respond to questions using tables, graphs, and figures rather than relying on simple memorization.

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## 3. Accommodation

I stayed at an Airbnb located within a 30-minute commute from the university campus. Although it was farther south than Berlin Central Station and somewhat distant from the city center, the area had good access to public transportation, making it easy to travel around the city after classes and on weekends.

The accommodation was part of a house where the host lived on the upper floor and I stayed on the lower floor. Since the entrance and stairs were located outside, I was able to maintain privacy and live comfortably on my own. The room was well

equipped, including a bathroom with a bathtub and access to a coffee machine. While cooking facilities were not available, I mainly had simple meals and bread I brought with me or ate outside. The host was very kind and occasionally provided fruit, and overall, I was highly satisfied with the accommodation.



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#### **4. Leisure Activities**

Because this was a short-term program, it was possible to maintain a good balance between coursework and travel. During the program, I took advantage of affordable flight options and spent four days in Paris. The schedule was flexible enough that I was able to return to Berlin, rest for a day, and attend classes again the following Monday without difficulty.

While staying in Berlin, I visited museums and major landmarks such as the Berlin Cathedral and the Brandenburg Gate. I also spent time in the Mitte district, enjoying shopping, cafés, and the relaxed atmosphere of the city. After the program ended, I stayed one night in Dresden and then traveled to Prague to prepare for my return home.

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## **5. Reflection**

Overall, this program was a meaningful experience that allowed me to travel in Europe with academic support before graduation. It was my first time traveling alone, and facing unexpected situations helped me grow personally.

During the trip, I dealt with real-life challenges such as train delays, requesting compensation in English, changing Airbnb accommodations, and communicating with hosts about financial issues. Through these experiences, I gained confidence in handling unfamiliar situations and learned valuable lessons beyond the classroom.