

# **ERASMUS REPORT**

## **1.PREPARATION**

If you have interest in studying abroad with the Erasmus program, you have to have a meeting with your course coordinator in your home university and tell him or her your plan about studying abroad with the Erasmus program.

NB: The deadline to apply for the Erasmus program is on the 15th of February of each year.

## **2.FORMALITIES IN THE HOST COUNTRY**

For my travels to Finland, it is required for prospective students to have residence permits, which allow them to study legally in Finland. Since I am from the Africa region of Nigeria, I need a student visa to study in Finland, while other European countries, especially the country from Shenghen areas, do not require a visa to travel to Finland.

I applied for a student visa with the help of VFS in Abuja, Nigeria, a partnership organization with the Finland Embassy, and I traveled 753 km from Lagos, where I reside, to Abuja for my visa application.

The VFS help students with data collection and biometric application, and after that, the VFS send your information to the Finland Embassy in Abuja, and they schedule your appointment. My visa interview and appointment date were 2 days after the VFS verification of my data and identification. For all my stays in Abuja, I financed myself.

So after two weeks, I received my student resident permit delivered to my address in Lagos.

In summary these are requirement you need to apply for Finland student visa In Nigeria

- Valid passport.
- Color passport photo.
- Color copies of the passport's personal data page and any passport pages that contain notes.
- A certificate of acceptance from a Finnish educational institution.
- Details of tuition fee payments or any scholarships.
- Proof of funds to support yourself.
- Proof of health insurance
- Previous education qualification

## **3.COURSE CHOICE/COURSE OFFER/RESTRICTIONS FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS.**

The following steps are followed.

1. Visit <https://studies.helsinki.fi/courses> Select your course and the subjects you will like to partake in at the host university.
2. After that, send the subject selected to your host university course coordinator for their approval, and then the home university coordinator will also be aware. After all three parties come to an agreement on the subject selected, signatures will follow in the course application form provided by the host university.
3. Then you visit the host university course website to register the course electronically, or you consult the host university course coordinator to register the course for you manually.
4. After that, you can easily see your course schedule and be ready for lectures.
5. You have two options on how you can write your exam: either you write it with the lecturer's presence according to his or her schedule or you write it according to your own schedule, and this is done in a special examination room.
- 6 You can visit the university website to print your transcript.
7. Then you can take your transcript to the examination office at your home university so the course recognition can be entered into your student record.

#### **4.GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOST UNIVERSITY**

The University of Helsinki is located in the capital city of Finland, Helsinki. The main campus of the university is situated in the city center, making it easily accessible to students. The campus is surrounded by various amenities, cultural attractions, and public transportation options, providing a convenient and vibrant environment for students to study and engage in campus life

The University of Helsinki offers a vibrant campus life with a variety of student organizations and activities. Students can participate in sports, cultural events, academic clubs, and more. The campus provides spaces for studying and socializing, including libraries and cafes. Additionally, Helsinki itself is a lively city with many cultural experiences, nightlife options, and outdoor activities to enjoy.

The University of Helsinki often organizes events specifically for Erasmus students. These events aim to help international students integrate into the university community, meet fellow students, and explore Finnish culture. Some common events for Erasmus students include welcome parties, cultural exchange nights, city tours, language exchange programs, and outdoor activities. These events provide a great opportunity for Erasmus students to socialize, learn about the local culture, and make the most of their study abroad experience.

The University of Helsinki has multiple campuses. Some of the campuses include the Kumpula Campus, Viikki Campus, and the Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences -Pasila campus.

## 5.ACCOMODATION

The University of Helsinki offers various accommodation options for students, including student housing and private rentals. The university's Student Services can provide information and assistance in finding suitable accommodation. Additionally, there are student dormitories, shared apartments, and private rental options available in Helsinki to cater to different preferences and budgets.

The typical costs for student housing in Helsinki can vary depending on the type of accommodation and location. On average, students can expect to pay around €300 to €600 per month for student dormitories or shared apartments. Private rentals may range from €400 to €800 or more per month, depending on the size and location of the apartment. It's essential to consider additional expenses like utilities, internet, and other living costs when budgeting for student housing. HOAS website and application is the best way student get can get accommodation and the waiting list is tiring and exhausting advice is for student to have option B which renting private apartment.

<HTTP://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rMP2q3M0PU>

<HTTP://hoas.fi/en/>

## 6.OTHERS

### TRANSPORTATION

For transportation, you need to buy a ticket a month that will cover Metro, tram, bus, and train. In Helsinki City, there are four bands of tickets; they are bands A, B, C, and D. If you have tickets for bands A and B, you are not allowed to travel to bands C and D. If you do and you are caught in the act, you will pay a heavy penalty. I paid twice for this, and the best option is to always take the tram. The transportation can be confusing.

### STUDENT JOBS

As student **you are allowed to work in paid employment in any field for an average of 30 hours per week.** The number of working hours can be exceeded some weeks, as long as the average working hours are no more than 30 hours per week at the end of the year. These are website for students job

<https://www.shiksha.com>

Indeed.com

<https://www.jobly.fi>

NB- it is challenging to get a student job in finland to sustain yourself most of the job are cleaning job,snowpacking and etc and the language barrier is challenging for job seekers.

**SAFETY TIPS-** The country is so safe to live you can walk freely

## **CONCLUSION--**

my own conclusion, Finland is a very good country and habitable for students. Their university education system is well coordinated, and they have a very beautiful culture, but it is a very cold region, so brace yourself up for the winter season because it is not easy.