

Erfahrungsbericht

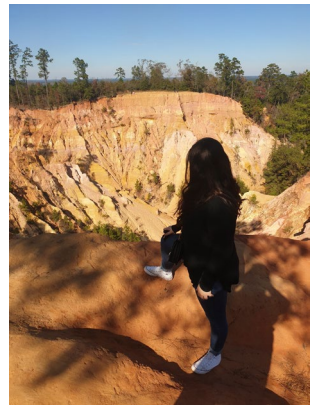
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| Allgemeine Informationen | Verfasser | Francisca Domingues dos Santos, francisca.dominguesdossantos@unifr.ch |
| | Art der Mobilität | Konvention |
| | Zeitpunkt | Fall semester 2022 |
| | Studiengang | English and Religious Studies |
| | Studienstufe während des Aufenthaltes | Master, 2. Jahr |
| | Ausgewählte Universität | University of Mississippi |
| Vor dem Aufenthalt | Einschreibung | I contacted the study abroad office in Fribourg and they answered all initial questions, then I filled out all forms which are needed. It was a self-explanatory and smooth procedure. |
| | Vorbereitung | Preparation was almost none. The University of Mississippi accepts a letter from a professor as a proof of English proficiency. Then I simply had to resubmit forms to the University of Mississippi which I already had submitted to Unifr. |
| | Visa, andere Formalität | A visa is needed and was the most bothersome step of the preparation. Once the University of Fribourg tells you to submit your application to the University of Mississippi, do so as soon as possible. The earlier you do this step, the earlier you can apply for the visa. The wait time for the visa interview can be 2 to 3 months long. So do this as soon as you can! |
| | Ankunft im Gastland | Once I arrived a shuttle bus picked me up and I received information about the welcome week during the bus drive. All information about the welcome week were clearly communicated and the institution organized events so that students could meet each other. |
| Vor Ort | Allgemeine Eindrücke des Aufenthaltes | Studying in the USA was an excellent experience. The student life is completely different from Fribourg. Classes are small, everyone knows each other. Professors are not as formal as they are in Fribourg. Since Oxford is a small student town, everything feels familiar, and it is easy to get used to the new environment. A semester abroad is a great way to experience the American culture. Especially, the Southern American culture! The American football scene is huge in OleMiss (University of Mississippi) and can only be experienced in the US. Everyone is happy to help you by providing rides to the supermarket, etc. |

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| Unterkunft | <p>The housing options are living on campus in a shared flat or in the dorm, or off-campus. Personally, I stayed on campus in the dorm. It was the best housing option for me. Other internationals and Americans are around, so you never feel alone. Whenever you need to stay up late and study, there is always a fellow student to keep you company in the study lounge. It is a little pricey but the dorm in the heart of campus. There is no need to wake up early for class. There is also a kitchen in the dorm. It is mostly empty; Americans do not cook in the dorm. The “downside” is that you have to share your bedroom and private bathroom with your roommate. If you prioritize your own space and privacy, then maybe a shared flat is better. There you have your own room.</p> |
| Kosten | <p>Food is a little expensive on campus. I suggest cooking at home/dorm sometimes. If not get an unlimited meal plan. Getting that meal plan makes eating on campus more affordable. The housing is also slightly more expensive than Switzerland. Make sure to book your flight in advance and not one month before like I did. It is cheaper to book early.</p> |
| Gastuniversität : allgemeine Informationen | <p>The campus is big, but everything is at walking distance. There are 2 huge gyms (one is free) and even a swimming pool. There are also sports clubs like tennis, walking, joking etc. that you can join. The countless student associations at OleMiss plan many events, so there is always something going on! It never gets boring.</p> |
| Gastuniversität : akademische Informationen | <p>I would say classes are not more difficult than in Fribourg, but the workload is more challenging in the US. There are many reading assignments and small weekly assignments. Nonetheless, the professors are kind and comprehensive if you cannot meet a deadline. It is all just a question of planning your study sessions. The academic aspect did not “overweight” all the other great aspects of my semester abroad.</p> |
| Gastland | <p>I would travel after the semester or even during the semester on the weekend if you have time. The US is huge so there is always something to see. The food is hit or miss. The fried chicken in the South is delicious but a lot of the food is quite salty or sweet.</p> |
| Freizeit, Studentenleben | <p>It was rather easy to meet people. Many events during the first weeks were held for students to meet new people. I would encourage you to talk to strangers! That is a normal thing to do in the US. Even when going out at night, Americans are friendly and happy to talk to you.</p> |

Zusätzliche Informationen

Fotos

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Kommentare, Anmerkungen

Hier haben Sie die Möglichkeit, auf weitere Punkte einzugehen, die Ihnen wichtig erscheinen.