

# Malta

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Everything that could have gone right for me, basically did.

- My housemates were basically like my family.
- My course was fairly decent.
- My classmates were very nice.
- I gained so much independence living away from home.
- And I made so many new life-long friends that I'm still in touch with to this day.

The University in Malta, although somewhat unorganised, was very welcoming for Erasmus students like me. The staff were always very friendly and if they did not know how to help me, they would find me someone who did.

My course was much more engaging compared to UCD. There are roughly 150 students in my course in UCD and in Malta there were 9. It was a very personal experience and I knew everyone in my classes name and all my lecturers knew our names. I feel I built a small relationship with my classmates and some of my lecturers. Everyone was so friendly. There were certain modules I really enjoyed a lot there. For Social Policy students especially, I would recommend "Governance and Administration in Social Policy" and "Social Enterprises: Methods and Concepts". I found these to be excellently taught modules and got a lot out of them.

The social life was amazing, being with loads of Erasmus students, my own age from all different types of backgrounds was really nice and interesting. I also made friends outside of the University, namely my housemates who I socialised with a lot.

As I said I gained much independence. I can cook significantly better than I could before, I found my own accommodation, and did my own washing. (I'm embarrassed to say I had to google where to put the pod and fabric softener in the washing machine my first week over there.) I did learn a good bit at university, but I learnt so much more about myself and how to live in the world.

I would strongly recommend anyone and everyone to do an Erasmus, even a semester just to experience something different and potentially grow as a human being as I was so fortunate to do so.

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