

Exchange rapport Girona - ERAM 2024

Multimedia Design 3rd semester



Erasmus student at ERAM

I study Multimedia Design at KEA, and completed my third semester abroad.

From September 2024 to January 2025 I studied Audiovisual Communication and Multimedia at ERAM in Girona.

I chose to study at ERAM because I found that its subjects aligned with my interest in the creative aspects of Multimedia Design.

My subjects

The program offered a variety of courses to choose from, and I selected the following:

Editing and Theory:

Learning how to edit film using DaVinci Resolve.

Focus on editing theory in editing and different ways of applying the techniques.

In relation to this, gaining insight into the history of film editing

Multimedia Technologies:

Focus on UI/UX and interface design, and how to work in Figma during the design process.

The subject also teaches how to code in HTML, CSS and Javascript.

Audiovisual and Sound Technology:

Technical knowledge of Audiovisual production. Learning about the physical principles of light and sound, as well as the structure and recording of video signals.

Camera Operating:

Practical knowledge of how to operate a camera when filming, covering both practical and theoretical aspects.

Audiovisual Direction:

In this course, we had to create a short film in a group.

The subject teaches the process in film production and the different roles involved.

Photography:

This subject teaches the technical aspects of photography and camera settings. We were taught how to control light, shadows and focus in an image. It also covered photographic creativity and basic principles of photography.

Academic Experience

Before starting the semester, there were some practical issues regarding which subjects were available for selection. Some of the subjects I was initially assigned changed from being taught in English to Catalan, while others were removed from the program entirely.

The school was helpful in trying to get it sorted out, but it wasn't until the second week of classes that all my subjects were finally settled.

Furthermore the subject Audiovisual Direction was created specially for Erasmus students who didn't have enough ETCS points due to these issues.

Besides the practical problems, the school was welcoming, and I felt very included. ERAM provided good support regarding subject selection and hosted an introduction day that prepared us for the semester.

Study Experience

All in all I absolutely enjoyed my stay in Girona.

I'm grateful that I got to study at ERAM, and I found my subjects very interesting and valuable for both my personal and educational interests.

My most rewarding subjects:

The subjects I liked the most were Editing and Theory and Audiovisual Direction.

The professors are experienced, professional and talented. Their way of teaching is kind and compassionate.

In Editing and Theory, I developed valuable skills for my further education and learned techniques and theory that I wouldn't have known otherwise.

Audiovisual Direction brought me a lot of joy, and gained precious insight into the production of filmmaking.

Working in an inspiring team and receiving guidance on great teamwork in film production gave me skills that I will take with me. The professor had an exceptional way of guiding and teaching us.

My least rewarding subjects:

Personally I didn't get as much out of Audiovisual and Sound Technology as the other classes. Although I actually found the class interesting, I also found it very difficult to follow. It's also the subject that is least related to my field of education, and we were very few erasmus students in the class.

Study advice:

Before starting the semester, I strongly advise taking the offered Catalan Course, which introduces the culture and language. I also recommend joining the Erasmus Girona WhatsApp group as soon as you arrive. Here, all kinds of trips and events are offered, and it's a good opportunity to meet people quickly.

When it comes to your education, it's your responsibility to maximize your learning experience. Choose the subjects that interest you the most, as this is an amazing opportunity to study topics you may not be able to otherwise.

Practical Experience

Before applying for Erasmus exchange, the coordinator at KEA helped me finding options that aligned with my interests in the field I wanted to study. KEA also helped answering all my questions about the application process. I felt very well guided by KEA.

The application process involves several steps, but personally, I don't find it too difficult to navigate. Aside from the changes in subjects, the process went smoothly.

I mostly received help from KEA, but I also had good communication with ERAM.

Accommodation and budget

Before arriving to Girona, we received an online invitation from the Accommodation Service at the University of Girona, for a presentation on accommodation opportunities. During the presentation, 'De Piso en Piso' was introduced - a website where you can find rooms for rent. There are also college rooms available, but these are rented out quickly.

We were advised that it's best to find a place to rent as soon as possible due to the high demand from students. Therefore, I rented my room already in July, even though I arrived in late August.

It took some time to find a place, so I recommend starting your search for rooms in June.

I lived close to the train station, which was a good area for me. It's very family friendly and within walking distance of both ERAM in Salt and the old part of the city, Barri Vell. Personally I recommend places in the area around the station and Barri Vell.

I lived in an apartment with three others, one from KEA who was also an Erasmus student at ERAM, and two local students.

The price for my room was 355 eur.

For income, I received SU and Erasmus grant and did not apply for any other grants. I spend around the amount I had budgeted for my exchange.

Cultural and personal experience

The Catalan culture is very different from the Danish, and actually also the Spanish culture. There are many celebrated holidays and events that I highly recommend participating in.

My favorite cultural experience was definitely the week long amusement park set up in the large Parc de la Devesa. It was such a fun experience. I also went on a trip with the other Erasmus students to Figueres, where I visited the Dalí Museum, which was a great experience and a beautiful trip.

I found that many locals don't speak English, which was a bit of a challenge, but with some language learning from the Catalan Course, you can easily get around. Catalans are mostly open and friendly people.

I became friends with the other erasmus students, but I didn't really talk much with the catalan students outside of school.

I recommend participating in the trips offered, where you can explore more of Catalonia and also get the chance to meet other students. Be sure to explore Barri Vell which has a lot of interesting historical architecture.

On weekends, you can visit Barcelona or take the train north to see more of the country.

You have the opportunity to explore a lot of cities and meet people from around the world - enjoy it and make the most of your time!

