

## **GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE STUDENT REPORT**

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*You can write the report either in English or Icelandic*

**Name of the University: HHL Leipzig Germany**

**Names of the students: Guðfinna Magney Sævarsdóttir**

**Exchange semester: Fall 2012**

### **I GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL**

1. Describe the school and its surroundings – very short. *On same campus as Sport Hochschule Leipzig so surrounded by sporting facilities such as a running track. Good facilities in general, computer lounges, library and rooms for group or individual studies. The classrooms are spacious and well equipped. Good cafeteria and restaurant for students at good prices.*
2. Current faculty divisions and special areas. *Accounting and auditing, Corporate Responsibility and Governance, Economic and Business Ethics, Economics and information systems, Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer, Financial Management, Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship, IT Based Logistics, Macroeconomics, Marketing Management, Microeconomics and Strategic Management.*
3. Number of students - graduate and undergraduate – number of exchange students. *Around 400 students.*
4. Study structure

### **II PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

#### Information before you left

- When did you receive the information package from the University? *Some information received mid March then further in the beginning of May.*
- Any difficulties? *Some difficulties with the online registration not clear what information where needed and not needed for the exchange students.*

#### Visa Procedure and travel experiences

- What problems, if any did you encounter? *None*
- Does the visa cost anything? *Not needed*
- How did you order your ticket – any problems? *No problems*

#### Academic Calendar

- Arrival date – introductory week. *26th of August, 27th of August was introduction day followed by German language course 3rd- 7th of September.*
- First day of the semester? *27th of August.*
- Last day of classes? *18th of December.*
- Examination period? *26th November until 18th of December.*
- Any special events? *Welcoming Event on the 12th September.*

#### Reception

- How was the reception at the school? *Good, but was only aimed at exchange students.*
- Was the administration and faculty well prepared for your arrival? *Yes*
- Did the school's students participate in the reception of the exchange students? *No*

#### Housing

- Did you have housing at your disposal or did you have to find your own housing? *I had to find my own housing.*
- What support did you receive from the school in locating housing? *Information about websites and broker services.*
- Any special issues or good ideas for prospective students? *Yes start early so you do not have to spend to many days at hotels or hostels.*

#### Costs

- Describe the most important expenses such as rent, books, food, etc. *Rent was about 460 Euro per Month, 2month deposit required. Cheaper housing available through sharing. Food is relatively cheap and the menza is cheap. Transport was 90 Euro for the whole semester through the University Identity card.*

#### The International Office

- Is there an international office? *Yes*
- Who is responsible for incoming exchange students? *Sophie Snick at International Office.*
- How does the international office function? *Through office hours, email and telephone. It was my impression that you could ask for assistance on all issues.*
- Do you receive all relevant information? *Yes I believe so.*

#### Exchange promotion

- What kind of activity did you take part in to promote exchange to Iceland at your exchange university? *I did a presentation of our University for the students interested in exchange program, only three Universities did a presentation.*

#### Social Activities

- How is your relationship with other students? *Good, lots of group work and communication.*
- How is the relationship among the exchange students? *Very good, lots of activities.*
- Is there a student organization, and if so, are the exchange student's parts of it? *Yes if they want to they are welcome to join.*
- Are there any special activities and gatherings for exchange students? *Yes there was introduction to the city and language courses offered f.ex.*
- How do you like it at the school? *I liked it very much.*

#### Culture and Language

- Do you have any language problems with the faculty or other students? *No and this was an excellent opportunity to refresh and learn better German.*
- How are the possibilities to experience the country and the culture? *Very good and Leipzig is full of all kinds of museums, musical experiences, ballet, orchestra bars and shops. Good connections throughout Germany and to the neighboring countries.*

#### Cultural and Social Effects from the Exchange Experience

- How do you think the exchange experience will affect you from a cultural and social point of view? *It has broaden the horizon and allowed me to see different views on education and different career .*
- How do you think the exchange experience influences your future career possibilities? *It will strengthen my opinion of that all is possible and that boundaries are mostly within oneself.*

### **III ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

#### The Teaching situation

- In which language are the courses taught? Any problems? *English*
- How would you evaluate the level of study in relationship to the level at RU? *The studies I took were in general more intense with more workload than at RU.*
- Is the teaching primarily practical or theoretical? *It is a mix of both.*
- Are the professors using cases, group work or lectures (or a mix)? *A mix.*
- How is the workload compared to that at RU? *It was generally heavier, lots of group work and presentations.*
- How is the relationship between faculty and students? *Generally good.*
- What is the relationship between the students in the classroom? *Active participation, respect for others opinion.*

#### Required Literature

- Is the literature in English? *Yes mostly, they pointed out good material in German as well.*
- How do you estimate the level of the literature? *Good, some more relevant than other.*

- Is the literature used for detailed knowledge or a broad overview? *Both*
- Is exam based on the literature or on the lectures? *Both*

#### Exams

- What types of exams were you given? *Group work exam, in class no special preparation exams and then the normal required all material covered exams.*
- What knowledge level was required to pass the exams? *Quite extensive for the 100% exams, others were focused on more specialized area.*

#### Other

- Do students have easy access to the library and it's resources? *Yes*
- How is the access to the computers? *Good*
- How is IT used in the teaching or as a distributor of information? *Both, f.ex research methods, social networking, IT logistics the technology is used.*

#### Description of Courses

Please list all the courses you are taking in the form below:

- Name and code of the course
- Prerequisites, if any
- Exam form
- Comments: Relevance, Difficult/easy, Practical/theoretical, Enrolment problems

*Example:*

<u>Course name:</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Major at RU</u>
<i>MBA BF-7 Strategic Management</i>	<i>Group/individual projects</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Very interesting, both practical and theoretical. Excellent Professor.</i>		
<i>MBA IC-5 Managing Global Corporations</i>	<i>Group/individual projects</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Again very interesting and both practical and theoretical. Same professor as above.</i>		
<i>MBA LS-4 Social Networking in Business</i>	<i>Group/individual projects</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Badly structured although the subject is interesting.</i>		
<i>MSC ECO-1 International Macroeconomics</i>	<i>100% final exam</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Very interesting, difficult and only theoretical.</i>		
<i>MSC LS-1 Problem Solving&amp; Communication</i>	<i>Group Project</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Very practical and interesting course. Relatively easy.</i>		
<i>MSC LS-5 Business Ethics</i>	<i>100% final exam</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Very interesting, theoretical.</i>		
<i>MSC ECO-3 Research Methods</i>	<i>100% final exam</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Difficult theoretical course, very interesting and well taught.</i>		
<i>MSC IM-6 Entrepreneurship</i>	<i>3 group projects</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Hard work in group projects. Interesting approach.</i>		
<i>MSC IM/ES I-1 Managing Growth companies.</i>	<i>5 group projects</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Interesting, hard work for few credits. Broad view on different companies in different stages.</i>		
<i>O8-1 Business German 1</i>	<i>3 individual test and 1 group pr.</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Very practical and well structured.</i>		

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None

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Finance

Elective

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Please fill in all the courses you have taken

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Any other experiences:

Everything was good and I am very happy about my stay. The students are very professional and ambitious and a joy to learn with and from.

Names and e-mails:

The International Office will appreciate if you will inform about your e-mail addresses, so that other students can contact you for more information.

My email address is [g.saevarsdottir@globalfuel.is](mailto:g.saevarsdottir@globalfuel.is)

Thank you,  
Guðfinna