GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE STUDENT REPORT

You can write the report either in English or Icelandic

Name of the University: Vienna University of Technology
Names of the students: Agnes Czenek
Exchange semester: Fall / Spring, 20013
Faculty: Institute of Mechanical of Materials and Structures

I GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

1. **Describe the school and its surroundings – very short**
   The school is located in the center of Vienna within the culture center of the town. It is Austria's largest institute of scientific-technical research and education. This school has been a place of research for about 200 years. It is among the most successful technical universities in Europe.
2. **Current faculty divisions and special areas.**
   "The research work at the Institute is characterized by a synthesis of experimental investigation and numerical modeling of the mechanical behavior of materials at different length scales, and by the application of the developed constitutive models to structural analysis". (http://www.imws.tuwien.ac.at/en/home.html)
3. Number of students - graduate and undergraduate – number of exchange students
4. Study structure
   Bachelor Program: 6 semesters, corresponds 180 ECTS. Which provides academic vocational preparation and qualification for professional tasks.
   Masters program: 4 semesters, corresponds 120 ECTS, possess in depth theoretical knowledge, problem solving capabilities and specialist application related knowledge in combination with corresponding economic and social skills.

II PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Information before you left

- When did you receive the information package from the University?
  Shortly after my application
- Any difficulties?
  No difficulties, everything was well organized and everything was carried out quickly.

Visa Procedure and travel experiences

- What problems, if any did you encounter?
- Does the visa cost anything?
  No visa was needed
- How did you order your ticket – any problems?

Academic Calendar

- Arrival date – introductory week
  My arrival was one month before the semester, I attended a German course
- First day of the semester?
  Started with a lecture about the school for exchange students
- Last day of classes?
  Normal class,
- Examination period?
  I attended 3 exams, an Id was needed and everybody needed to sit alone
- Any special events?
  Erasmus events every week at least once

Reception

- How was the reception at the school?
  I had some difficulties with opening hours, 9-11:30 and from 14-15
- Was the administration and faculty well prepared for your arrival?

Lot of exchange students arrive every semester, the school has experience how to disseminate information, everything went smoothly

- Did the school's students participate in the reception of the exchange students?
  Every 3 exchange student had a buddy if they chose to and they helped with all questions

Housing

- Did you have housing at your disposal or did you have to find your own housing?
  I applied for a double room at housing OEAD in Vienna 3 months before my arrival (http://www.housing.oead.at/index_e.asp)
- What support did you receive from the school in locating housing?
  I did not need any, the OEAD office handed out all necessary information !
- Any special issues or good ideas for prospective students?

Costs

- Describe the most important expenses such as rent, books, food, etc.
  Rent: double room around 400 EUR
  I did not have any books, everything was online
  Food is expensive, there is a mensa at the university, ZIELPUNKT, BILLA, SPAR are most common to shop and are located near to the university

The International Office

- Is there an international office?
  Yes very close to the university area, maps are handed out with all necessary locations
- Who is responsible for incoming exchange students?
  The exchange office
- How does the international office function?
  First day is a lecture: all information are handed out. The exchange students are informed with contact information like phone number, e-mail address and the office address
- Do you receive all relevant information? Yes on the first day

Exchange promotion

- What kind of activity did you take part in to promote exchange to Iceland at your exchange university? I was very busy with my studies, I not only attended classes but also did a big part of my master's thesis! I attended few parties and the famous TU ball in the end of January.

Social Activities

- How is your relationship with other students? I met some exchange students and colleagues where I did my master's project, with my colleagues the relationship was very close !
- How is the relationship among the exchange students? Very good
- Is there a student organization, and if so, are the exchange students part of it? Yes
- Are there any special activities and gatherings for exchange students? Yes a lot organized by the exchange faculty
- How do you like it at the school? I liked it a lot !

Culture and Language

- Do you have any language problems with the faculty or other students? Not at all, the courses were in English and everybody spoke English and also in the city!
- How are the possibilities to experience the country and the culture? Very easy, Vienna is a big cultural city full of nice and beautiful places to visit!

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? They will affect me very little
- How do you think the exchange experience influences your future career possibilities? Affect me very little

III ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The Teaching situation

- In which language are the courses taught? Any problems? English, no difficulties
- How would you evaluate the level of study in relationship to the level at RU? Very good
- Is the teaching primarily practical or theoretical? Theoretical which I attended
- Are the professors using cases, group work or lectures (or a mix)? Mix, in my case mostly lectures
- How is the workload compared to that at RU? Not much during semester, there is a final exam in the end of most of the courses
- How is the relationship between faculty and students? It is easy to reach the faculty for any questions, personally and via e-mail
- What is the relationship between the students in the classroom? During lectures, there is silence.

Required Literature

- Is the literature in English? Yes
- How do you estimate the level of the literature? good
- Is the literature used for detailed knowledge or a broad overview? Detailed knowledge
- Is exam based on the literature or on the lectures? both

Exams

- What types of exams were you given? Written
- What knowledge level was required to pass the exams? There are 5 grades, 1 is best, 5 is fail

Other

- Do students have easy access to the library and it's resources? Yes
- How is the access to the computers? There is a small computer room for use, most of the students have their own laptop
- How is IT used in the teaching or as a distributor of information? Everything is online, the lecture is based on ppt slides

Description of Courses

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

- Name and code of the course
  Basics of Stem cell technology, 166.218, VO, 2013W
  Biocompatible Materials, 308.106, VO, 2013W
  Computational Biomaterials and Biomechanics, 202.064, VU, 2013W
  Engineering Biochemoporomechanics, 202.019, VO, 2013W
  Injury Mechanics, 309.005, VO, 2013W
- Prerequisites, if any
- Exam form, all written exams
- Comments: Relevance, Difficult/easy, Practical/theoretical, Enrolment problems

Example:

Course name:	*Prereq.*	*Exam*	*Major at RU*	*Approved as (Common/elective/extra)*
1234 finance	*None*	*Written*	*Finance*	*Elective*

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Please fill in all the courses you have taken

Any other experiences:

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.

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