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## Studying abroad at Southampton Solent University

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It has always been my dream to study abroad for one or two terms. I have been in England before and I always loved the typical British environment – the beautiful and old castles, the typical pubs, the wild coasts, the very friendly and helpful Brits as well as the language. In addition, I am highly interested in people from different cultures and countries and I always wanted to take the challenge to study in a foreign language. Southampton was my first choice because I wanted to study at a University where English is the first language of students and lecturers and I wanted to perfect my English skills and learn from real natives.



Southampton is located in the south of England about 70 minutes from London by train. Life at University in England is very different from the one in Chur. I studied Tourism-Management and I had the opportunity to choose units from different courses and levels from the second and third year. I attended six units and therefore I had only 15 hours of class attendance per week. I was surprised by the fact that for the most units we had to write assignments (about 3000 words) or give presentations instead of writing exams. I am convinced that due to these assignments I could improve my English and it will definitely help me for my dissertation at the end of the third year in Chur. Furthermore, I really

appreciated that I had the opportunity to manage my schedule independently and therefore I had a lot of spare time.

In this free time I met other students from University (mostly international) for shopping in the huge Shopping-Mall 'West-Quay' which is located in the City Centre, for walks in the beautiful parks or at the harbour, for swimming or trips to Brighton, Winchester, Cardiff, Bournemouth, Cornwall, London,...



If you decide to spend your Erasmus in the UK I would highly recommend to not rent an apartment or room you have not seen with your own eyes. I would advise to stay in a student accommodation from University or to travel there and look for a place to stay in order to avoid disappointment and losing money.



My Erasmus year was a great experience with both – positive and negative aspects! But altogether it was definitely a good experience! It broadened my horizon and it also gave me the opportunity to get to know myself better, to deal with challenges and it also made me stronger!