

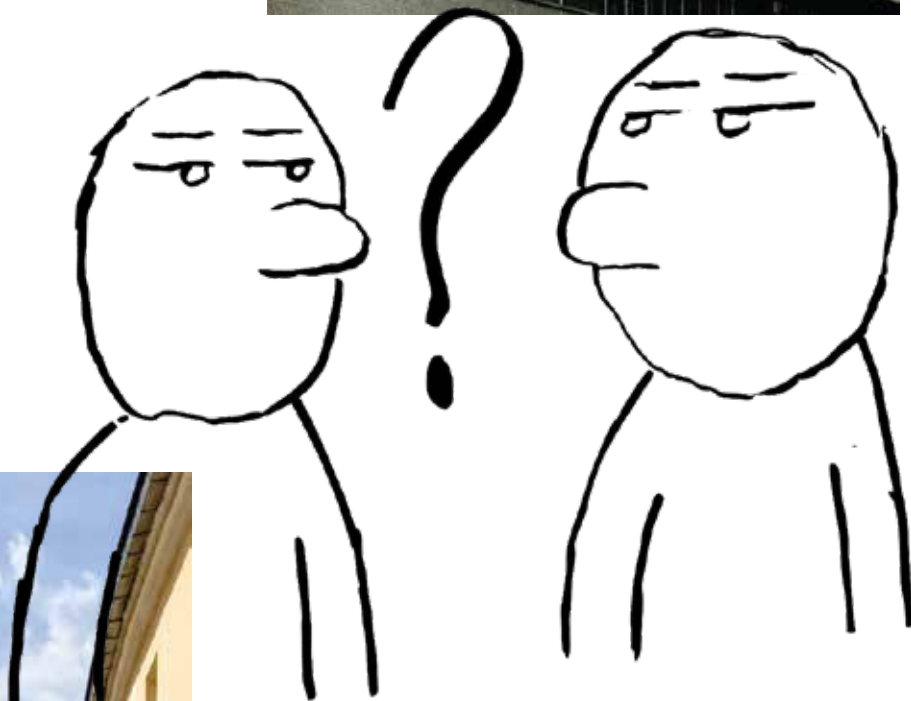
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Introduction

I chose to study abroad in Vilnius while attending Design and Entrepreneurship, because it seemed like a creative school, and eastern Europe is kinda sexy.

classes

- Drawing

A class where I learned about different drawing techniques, basically drew a lot.

- Visual motion

A class where I learned animation, in Adobe After Effects, kinda hard.

- Visual expression

Visual expression is more drawing, a lot of technical and advanced drawings.

- Interaction and interface design

This class is divided between two teachers, where one is more practical, where you get to draw and visualise, the other one is more theoretical.

- Intercultural communication

Interculture is basically business class, where you work theoretical.

- Lithuanian culture and history

This class is what you expect. It's all about Lithuanian culture and history.

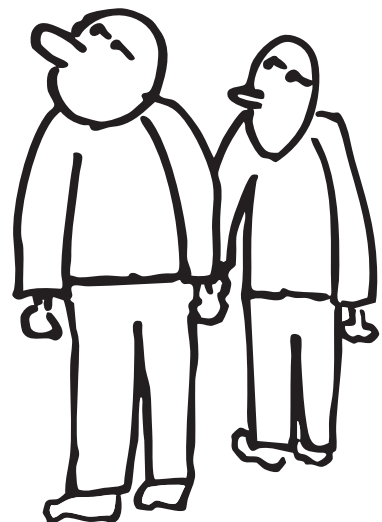
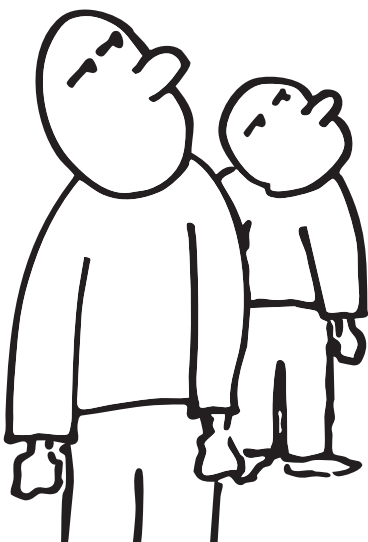
Academic experience

The school was very easy in terms of choosing classes. However some were not what i expected, for example Visual expression is a lot more technical and fine drawing.

The school is also not that great in showing the schools facilities. (I only learned that the school had a laser cutter 2 months before finishing).

The most rewarding class is probably drawing, because it is just as expected, a lot of drawing, and more laid back, where i could just focus on drawing how i wanted too.

The least relevant has to be Lithuanian culture and history, the class was online, which already gave it a handicap, and it is not something that i think will be usefull for me in the future.



Practical experience

The process of application was alright. But Mobility Online is the most outdated site i have ever used for something important. Which made it a bit harder.

Atleast we got help from KEA in terms of the whole process of applying, and we could always ask if something didnt make sense to us.

And luckily the receiving school in Vilnius was also very fast to answer and help with any difficulties i had in the application process.

Living in Vilnius

I was lucky enough to find a place to live in Old town Vilnius, with another classmate from KEA.

It wasnt that difficult to find the place, we just found it through a Facebook group. And the apartment was only 375 euro per person plus around 25 euro for utilities.

I will highly recomend to find a place in Old Town, or central location, because the city doesnt offer much outside of the central.



Living in Vilnius

Living in Vilnius economy wise is way cheaper than Denmark. It is not super cheap, but atleast i could feel in grocery shopping, going out for beers and eating out that it is cheaper than what i was used to in Copenhagen.

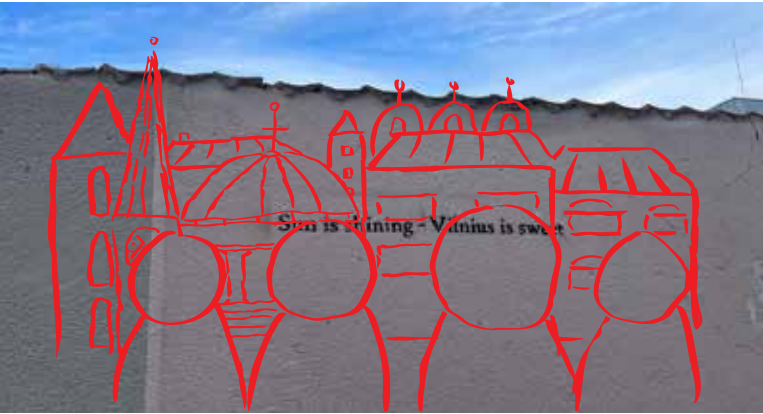
While i was in Vilnius i didnt have a budget, it would be wise to make one, but i atleast didnt overspend, because it was cheap, i didnt go out to eat that often, so the money i got from SU and Erasmus was enough for me to keep the budget intact.



Vilnius is a very cool city, and im so happy i went there, it can be a bit tough in the winter months, but it also has a charm that i liked. There are a lot of very cool spots to go out, and just a lot of hangout spots in the city.



Advice from a Vilnius veteran



The people of Vilnius is a very reserved people, so dont bet on getting to many local friends, instead you should focus on other Erasmus students.

Vilnius College of Design is not part of the big Erasmus network in Vilnius. This is something i learned a bit late, so my big advice would be to follow **Esn_vu** on instagram, they post activities they do, and everyone can join.

Join as many whatsapp groups as you can, i personally began climbing to meet some people and got in a whatsapp group through that.

Be prepared for the school to be a bit unorganized and caotic, especially during exams, it is not as strict and formal as in Denmark.

Go around and just take a walk through the city, it has many narrow small streets, with cool cafés and bars. The city also has a lot of churches, go in and see them.

Go to Vilnius a bit early during the summer time, the city is so much different during the summer (better weather than Denmark). And there are many places that are only open during the summer.

For clubbing i recomend: Utopija, Hales Turgus, YDA, Elastica, Bar 98, Kablys and cornercafé.