

Erasmus Report, Finland, Kuopio

My name is Bela Gyorvari, and I was in the University of Kuopio in 2008 autumn semester. That was my seventh half year in the Kando Kalman Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Power Engineer.

My first impression of Kuopio is that, you are in an urban city where the bikes almost have preference over cars. People are polite and almost everyone speaks fluent English or manages to help you somehow.



The City is nicest in summertime and when the weather is nice. The city has around 90.000 inhabitants, but is very very large. Kuopio is located on a half island and only the city centre might be of interest for you. The city has various shopping possibilities, pubs, clubs and bars and all other nice comforts of modern civilization. The suburban areas of Kuopio offer many possibilities for sports and relaxing. Winter sports have a long tradition there and everywhere it is possible to do skiing.

Prices I would say are quite expensiver to Hungary. There are not many discounts for students. You cannot survive with less than 400 € per month. 400 € is the absolute minimum and it does not include leisure time and travelling. I got lucky, and i had money from the Erasmus office to live.

Kuopio University offers accommodation to international students on campus site. Students who are selected for the student exchange will receive instructions for arranging accommodation, etc. from Kuopio University in due time. The (all in) costs for accommodation are around €225.

The school is not so hard, you can find your intersting subjects in the class schedule, in English language. The subjects are belong for the Information Techology field, but if you dont like IT, you can chose another basic subjects (Physics, Math, Analog Electronics).

It was simply fantastic. I met many different people from different cultures and made friends all over the world. At University I took the chance to work on my essay writing skills, which I considered as very important for further studying or working.