



Tel Aviv University
TAU Recanati

The Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration

Academics

All of the courses were in English in a period of 3 weeks 5 days a week from 9:00-16:00. The course evaluation was mainly on attending the classes every morning. It is a pass and fail course no grades. Some classes were so interesting and some were good. The professors were great and the international administration was so kind and helpful in every detail related to school or not. There wasn't any homework but a lot of cases to read before classes but they gave us enough time to finish them, in addition we did some individual and group cases in the class.

In general it was interesting and different from our classes at TAU.

Location

Essec is located in Cergy which is not that far from the center of Paris.

Transportation

There are a lot of options to commute from the center to Cergy and Vice Versa ex (RER, Metro, busses, train, tram, taxis...). You can use the weekly or monthly transportation pass as they are cheaper than tickets, you can use the card for all of the transportations with no limits on the number of the journeys

The cost was around:

Weekly pass- 40 Euros

Monthly pass- 120 Euros

A day pass- 15 Euros with discounts for students to reach 8 Euros

Good to know that you will use (RER A which is an easy way and fast around 25 minz away from the center of Paris, knowing that after the 14 of july they have a summer vacation

which means no RER A to Cergy).

Busses are good because it allows you to discover the country but it takes a lot of time to reach anywhere because of traffics.

Language

Learning some words in the French language; to show the French people that you respect them and their language. The using of (Bonjour-Good morning, etc...) will affect their reaction on your request as the French people have the pride and they appreciate themselves and their language a lot so you have to show them some respect in this aspect.

Accommodation

Mainly two options

Cergy - the university location, I know some people who find good RBNB houses at Cergy in good prices and close to the university to not commute every early morning because as I have mentioned earlier the course evaluation is on the attendance with no excuses for being late.

-the dorms at Cergy they were close to the university: around 5 minutes walking. This cost around 44 Euros a day.

Leaving in Cergy:

Cergy is a calm area with good views such as Cergy port with good restaurants and lakes. Nothing a lot to do compared to other places.

Paris - leaving in Paris is fun as you can reach any place easily and fast as you will be in the center. Night life is better in Paris, knowing that it is way more expensive than Cergy.

Student card

It is really useful especially if your age is less than 26 as you will get discounts or a free entrance for a lot of places and even discounts for some restaurants. Make sure to have your student card from Essec or the TAU one.

In general

It was the most interesting and fantastic trip ever, you will learn a lot about the European culture and history specially France. I enjoyed my time a lot, spending time with new friends and classmates.

French people are not mean at all (as people think)

The food was amazing but it is expensive for a proper meal it is at least 10 Euros, you have to consider that because you will spend a lot of the budget on food. You have to try the macarons and the Crepe a lot of cheese and Wine. Don't forget to visit the bakery (Boulangerie) which is all over France and tasty in every place you visit, over delicious. The Glossary is not expensive at all.

A lot of museums as well as you will start to love art and artists. All museums have a free day on the first Sunday of the month. In addition if you are a student and your age is less than 26 you will enter all of the museums anytime for free.

France is the fashion, romantic and the luxury country you will feel this.

Credit Card issue: make sure that your credit card has a chip. From my experience and from my classmates' experiences we faced a problem to buy tickets online or to use the bank card properly you have to ask your bank before leaving about this.

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