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### How did you hear about the Winter programme? Why did you choose to apply?

My friend saw the Audencia Winter Programme on our school's portal and told me about it. I have always wanted to experience studying abroad so I was excited and immediately decided to join!

### What is your major at home? What did you think about the level of classes and the teaching method?

I am taking Food Science and Nutrition as a major at home. I think it is a great opportunity for me to take this business-based programme as I am currently in my final year. I can equip myself for the work field with this broader business knowledge. I enjoyed the classes and also gained a lot of useful knowledge.



### Did your university recognize the credits earned during the programme?

No, my university did not recognize the credits earned as I am not majoring in business. However, my university does recognise the credits earned by business students.

### What did you think about the group of students you were studying with? Was it a challenge to work with fellow students from different academic and cultural backgrounds?

I really enjoyed working with my classmates! Although we were from different countries and academic backgrounds, I found it comfortable to work with them. Besides, I love making new friends! There were no barriers between us as everyone was interactive and willing to share their opinions. I think we all did well for the activities and presentations.

### Did this experience help you define your expectations better for the future? Your perception of your studies and teaching methods?

Yes, I think this experience did help me. I gained a lot of business-related knowledge and learned how to work with people from different countries. This helped me gain confidence about working in an intercultural company in the future.



### Where did you stay during the programme?

I chose to stay in an Airbnb both in Brussels and Nantes. It is highly affordable and easy to find. My friend and I shared a private room together for approximately 160€ for 7 nights in Brussels and 80€ for 5 nights in Nantes. We also got to experience living with the locals. Our Airbnb host in Nantes was a nice and friendly lady. She even prepared breakfast and supper for us!

### What is your professional plan?

My professional plan is to become a food scientist in an R&D department. I would like to join a reputable global company like Nestlé or Peperico. I think taking part in this programme helped me to gain confidence about working in such intercultural companies.

### What did you like the most about the Winter programme?

I liked everything about the Winter programme! I think the best part is the friendships. I enjoyed discovering Brussels and Nantes with my new friends. I think it is a special experience and would be one of my greatest memories. I also like the classes where we had the opportunity to learn negotiation techniques and present our ideas.

### Would you like to share with us your most memorable from the programme?

One of my best memories would be the visit to the House of European History and the European Parliament Hemicycle in Brussels. I have been to Brussels before but never thought of visiting these two places! I gained so much new information and learned about the history of the European Union. Now I can fully understand how the EU works and its importance for European countries.



### Any advices for students who are thinking about joining the Winter programme at Audencia?

I highly recommend this amazing programme! It is a lifetime experience that allows you to meet new friends, broaden your knowledge and travel around Belgium and France! I am glad that I chose to participate. I am truly blessed that I met a lot of wonderful people and gained a lot of experiences during this journey.

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