

Sude Can- English Translation and Interpreting

I completed my Erasmus exchange at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. Kaunas is a very safe city, which allowed me to walk around comfortably even in the evenings. Spending New Year's Eve in a European country was a completely different and unforgettable experience for me. Being able to share that excitement and atmosphere with local people made it even more special.

Kaunas is generally a calm and quiet city, which could sometimes feel a bit boring. However, this calmness also made it very easy to travel both within Lithuania and to other European countries. I had the opportunity to visit several other European countries during my exchange, and each one had its own unique atmosphere. These trips contributed greatly to my cultural awareness and personal development.

The education system also exceeded my expectations. All of my professors were genuinely supportive and attentive. Some of my courses consisted only of international students, while others included both local and international students. Even in these mixed classes, the professors treated me in exactly the same way as their local students, always in a fair and equal manner. Both students and professors showed great interest in my country and culture, which made some classes not only educational but also very enjoyable.

The university used a system called Moodle, where weekly plans were shared regularly. Through this platform, we could see which topics would be covered each week, what we were expected to study, and even access all the required PDF materials. We also had many presentation-based assignments, which significantly improved my skills in preparing slides and speaking in front of an audience. Thanks to this structure, studying and keeping up with the courses became much easier.

At the beginning of the semester, many activities were organized specifically for Erasmus students. These events helped me adapt to both the university and daily life very quickly. They also allowed me to learn more about Lithuania and make many international friends. One of the best aspects of my Erasmus experience was definitely having friends from different countries. They helped me gain new perspectives and see the world from different points of view.

Finally, this experience greatly improved my language skills, especially in terms of daily communication. Since I had to speak English not only at university but also with my friends all the time, English gradually became the main language I used in my everyday life. For all these reasons, Erasmus was an unforgettable experience for me and I am truly glad I took part in.