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Öğrencinin gözlemleri:

a. Kültürel Gözlemler

First of all, I really enjoyed my time in Italy even though Italian culture and Turkish culture do not resemble each other at all. In general, people are really helpful here they are trying to do their best to help you. I made lots of friends who are both Italian and erasmus students, which I really would like to keep in contact. However if you have some document issue which should be done in some time, you better work on it and hurry up because they actually do not care about paper work and delay while you are getting obsessed that you could not make it in time.

Another thing is that, in Verona, they have siesta hours which mean that they give a break during the day from (generally) 12.30pm till 3.30pm so you should be really careful about it (supermarkets,shops,banks etc.), because you can find yourself starving or cannot handle some anything. Also, they have really developed wine culture and “aperetivo” time, they drink a lot so do not be surprised or find it odd because you are going to get used to it during the time and you will find yourself becoming one of them.

Secondly, Italian cuisine is quite wide but you wil find yourself eating pizza margarita if you are not eating pork meat because they put pork in every kind of meal. Yet, it is not that hard to find something to cook if you know how to. For

them, why you drink alcohol but eat pork will be the very first question when you tell them you are coming from Turkey and they generally comment on your nationality saying that “you do not look like Turkish” and asking if you are forced to wear scarf. Actually this is not something special to Italy but you are going to face with it in Europe a lot because they have a little knowledge about our culture and religion but when they get to know you they will understand better.

b. Akademik Gözlemler

Stuying here is nothing like studying in Turkey because, first, attendance is not obligatory but the fact is that everyone generally goes to lectures. When I saw one of my class with around 200 students I was shocked because we had to sit on the floor since all seats were taken. However if you are not following the courses, you have additional study that you have to such as extra novel or articles that you have to study.

Another thing here there is nothing like “class” and fixed education programme which allows you to take any class from any level from any professor. You are to decide. Yet, the classes are not focused on one genre of studying but covering everything in one era. For example, in our department we study novel in the 18th century, here they study the 18th century with prose, poetry and drama.

Professors are so kind and helpful as we have in our department. They call us not as students but as “collegues” which I really admire, they are very open to discuss everything both related to lectures or life. They really admire when we write papers, for example one of them want us to write a paper for final examination so that she can ask also about our paper. Everyone says they are not going to be strict about lectures or exams since we are erasmus students but we are not treated like that, we still study hard for everything. Professors teach you the surface and how you analyse critically but you are the one to study and do research in detail because you are going to be responsible about everything and you do not have a right to say that it is not studied in the class.

Here, we have oral examinations which I was quite worried about yet when I took the exam I felt relieved because it was not scary as much as I thought. Exams are graded out of 30 but if you are really good and fluent in english they have a right to give you 30+ which is called “30 e lode” which I got from one of the exams.