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List of Courses Taken & Educational Quality:

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Out of the five courses mentioned above, four were from the original faculty of communication that I was assigned. One of them, the 2nd in order has been appointed from the faculty of politics. Each counts for 6 ECTS.

If you decide to choose to study at this university, you shall bear these three elemental points in mind. Firstly, there are so many students who wish to study in Barcelona, and at this University. Make sure you study hard and prepare well for the application process. Secondly, the style of teaching is very much different from the Dutch system. During the semester, there are no blocks, but courses last for the whole duration of your study period. E.g., five courses last 6 months. Also, the seminars may often take up to 3 hours in terms of duration, with one small 10 minute break. Thirdly, make sure you do everything to get here, because you are going to have an amazing time!

The university is not located in Barcelona. It is approximately 45 minutes by train from the city centre. Do not let this discourage you. It is perfectly safe and fun commuting...
on the days when you have school with your friends. Lastly, most of the teachers at this specific faculty do not speak well English. 85% of classes are offered in English or Catalan. Therefore, I do have to stress out that fluent Spanish would be definitely an advantage. However, even if you do not speak a word in Spanish, it is still worth trying ;)!

**Accommodation:**

The University (UAB) does provide accommodation for students. Unfortunately, I can not provide any information on this, as I did not have it and neither did I meet anyone who would have. However, you can get a room with other people in the apartment through rental agencies or sites such as Idealista or RoomHousing. Some people prefer to live outside Barcelona, as it is closer to the University. However, I would like to encourage you to search for accommodation inside Barcelona, as this is where the magic happens. The price of rentals depends very much on the neighborhood of Barcelona. However, just slight outside of the city centre, you may get a room for around 400 EUR. Sometimes even cheaper. Depends on each's preferences.

**Expanses in general:**

Barcelona is not an expensive city, in my opinion, if you know how to spend your money wise. I found it a lot cheaper than Netherlands, when it comes to aspects such as going out, grocery shopping and sometimes even traveling (e.g. trains or public transport). What might be ascending and is already quite high, are the rental prices if you are looking for a nice accommodation. Unfortunately, Barcelona does not really offer the option of studios, like many Dutch cities do. You can live well out of 400 EUR for monthly expanses, without counting the rent of course.

**Problems:**

As I do not speak Spanish, I firstly saw the language barrier as an obstacle in my way. However, if your case is the same, try to see it rather as an opportunity than as a complication. Barcelona is truly an AMAZING place. Do not let the language discourage you. It is true that the level of English spoken in this city is low. Outside of Barcelona even lower. However, it is manageable.

This city never sleeps. There is always something going on. Parties, cultural events, food is love, bars or simply chill out places such as the beach, roof-top bars and so many park with view you can not even count. Just by typing about this, makes me feel like I wish to be back. Truly, there are no obstacles here. People are kind and helpful. The only negative thing I wish to point out is that there is A LOT of thieves in Barcelona. Many of my friends got stuff stolen, such as phones or wallets. Make sure
you take a good care of your belongings. If you wish to talk and know some more information, feel free to drop by an email or WhatsApp.

Best of luck!

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