

## Erasmus Report

Time flies, as always, and I have already spent these amazing 4 months (almost) at Bialystok University of Technology. I am 1-st year master student from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and this is my first Erasmus and second exchange program so far.

Since I already have experience of living abroad for half a year (first time I was doing exchange program at Vilnius University, Lithuania) I know that after going back to Georgia, I will feel so nostalgic to be far from here, maybe I would wish I had a possibility to stay at least a little longer. I have enough reason to say this and I will try to state here why.

First of all, this Erasmus program has given me a whole new experience that will affect my whole life for good. I have accumulated the skills of how to live on my own, take on responsibility for myself and make my own decisions. I have friended a lot of international students and got to know their cultural and social differences. I have seen a totally different lifestyle from the one in my home country and this is the experience I needed to choose the direction of my future.

Bialystok University of Technology (PB) has been a great challenge for me. Although I have had some problems with communication, since local people mostly do not speak English language and this time was not enough for me to learn good Polish, I still managed to survive here. Not only survive, I find it enjoyable when local people express their pleasure after I try my little Polish skills to speak to them. I like how most of the people here are eager to somehow help you when you need something. ESN group has done an amazing job for every exchange student giving them a lot of activities and a great help throughout the semester. International Relations Office has always been there to help and answer a lot of questions (at least from me, that I am sure of). Teachers have also been very helpful and some of them even surprised me with their motivation to give us the knowledge we have come here for.

Of course, there were some contradictions at first, for example, getting different kind of room than what I asked for. It also surprised me that students from the same country were living next to each other in the dormitories and mostly they were trying to communicate with the group of people from the same country. However, after I changed my room, I had an opportunity to live with local people that helped me to get to know their culture more and get more Polish language skills.

In conclusion, I am very happy for having a chance to make my Erasmus in Bialystok. This has been an unforgettable semester for me and the experience and adventure I have had here will forever stay in my mind. I am very thankful to all the professors I had contact with, all IRO members that helped me, ESN PB members that organized various activities and other people that make this university what it is now. I would gladly spend more time here and explore more, improve my Polish language skills and gain more experience of studying and living abroad.