

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree DYCLAM+ (Dynamics of Cultural Landscape, Heritage, Memory and Conflictualities)

My experience as a scholarship holder (2020 - 2022)

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Overview of the DYCLAM + programme (2020 – 2022)

- **Consortium:**

- Coordinator: Université Jean Monnet de Saint-Etienne, France
- Instituto Politécnico de Tomar, Portugal
- Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai din Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy
- Associated partners: universities, NGOs, international organizations



My experience

First semester – Saint Etienne

- Hybrid format (part of the students in France, and others remote)
- Online classes for almost the entire period (Covid-19)

Takeaways:

- Great support from the University for finding accommodation
- Lectures and practical exercises were well adapted to the circumstances
- Moving to France despite curfews and lockdowns gave us an opportunity to bond and help each other from early on



My experience

Second semester – Tomar

- On-site classes
- Less Covid-19 restrictions
- Study trips – Alto Douro, Nazare

Takeaways:

- Already easier to travel together and find shared accommodation
- Many more practical exercises and workshops
- More networking opportunities



My experience

Third semester – Cluj-Napoca

- Due to lockdown, classes were fully online
- Lectures were very well adapted to the circumstances
- Less social interactions and cultural exchanges due to lockdown
- Substantial efforts to provide a good learning experience despite the limiting circumstances
- Less opportunities to network

My experience

Fourth semester – Naples or associated partners

- On-site classes and no more Covid restrictions
- No support with finding accommodation (very challenging aspect in Naples)
- No clear communication with the university prior to the start of the semester
- Great study trips – Pompeii, Ravello
- Early end of the semester due to my internship at the European University Institute in Florence



Impact & Career opportunities

- Great networking opportunities
- Wide range of associated partners and internship choices
- Large variety of skills and subjects covered during the two years, making us more competitive on the job market
- Opportunity to improve language skills
- Exposure to multi-cultural environments
- In many cases, the internships turned into medium/long-term jobs (I ended up in Florence for the next two years)

Thank you for your attention!