
Final Report

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I spent my sixth semester, WS II, in Clarksville, Tennessee. APSU is located in the North of Tennessee, just 50 minutes outside of Nashville - Music City.

Campus & Housing

APSU's campus is quite small but has a lot to offer. It is beautifully arranged with many trees which allow you to sit in the shade during the quite hot summer months. The dorms on campus are located close to the main buildings that means you to sleep in until your classes start; you can even go to class in your PJs, no one cares.

I stayed in Meacham and had three roommates. I chose this dorm because it was one of the cheapest and because it is not a freshmen dorm. I really enjoyed staying there because it is a small dorm and everyone who lived there was busy and did not make a lot of noise. The reason for that might be the fact that Austin Peay is a dry and smoke free campus which means that no alcohol or cigarettes are allowed on campus or in the dorms.

I spent about € 2.500.- on housing and my meal plan. My meals included 14 meals a week as well as \$350 plus dollars. The food court and the cafeteria offer a broad variety of food, fast-food but also healthy meals, mexican, southern cuisine, burgers, salads, pizza, A coffee and bagel place is located in the main building right next to the food court, the meals can be spent on any food or coffee, or even in the small market which is called *The Peay Pod*. I used my meals mainly for my breakfast coffee and bagel, and lunch because I hardly ever ate dinner on campus.

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I would recommend living on campus because otherwise you need a car which can be quite expensive and unnecessary.

Classes

International students have to take at least 12 credit hours of classes when they are abroad. My advisor at APSU was really helpful, I just told her what classes I want to take and she did all the work. I took 13 and did fine. Of course it would have been possible to take more classes, but I still wanted to have some free time and focus more on my other classes.

I took:

Traditions in World Literature	(3 credit hours)
Funds of Public Speaking	(3 credit hours)
Technical and Report Writing	(3 credit hours)
English as a Second Language	(4 credit hours)

All my classes were quite time consuming, especially the literature class which took place three times a week with a lot of readings and quizzes on each day. I liked all my classes very much because the student-teacher-relationship made it special and fun. It's important to attend every class because assignments and exams are discussed daily which will help you a lot. If you must stay away from class make sure you contact your professor and make sure you get all the necessary information you need to finish an assignment.

International Students

I was the first international student from Klagenfurt who came to Austin Peay and felt at home right away. Everyone was so kind and welcomed me and the other international students. We did not have to stay at a hotel for the first night (most international students have to stay in a hotel before they can move into their dorm). Families picked us up from the airport and we stayed at their house until we were able to move into our dorm the next day. The southern hospitality is really great and makes you feel at home even faster. I guess no one of the international students experienced homesickness because the environment helped us to feel at home.

Climate

Tennessee is in the south of the United States. When I arrived there on August 21st it was quite hot and it stayed like that until forever. When I left on December 16th it was still 20 °C, of course there were days when it was not warm but it was never too bad, I didn't really need a winter coat.

Travel

I spent some time traveling, but not too much. Before I went to Clarksville I spent a couple of days in South Carolina. During the semester I visited places I like Memphis, St. Louis, Ruby Falls, Nashville. I spent my fall break visiting friends in Philadelphia and New York. I asked my teachers if I could take some extra days off for Thanksgiving; so that would make it worth going on an 11 hours road trip down to Orlando, Florida . I had a great time traveling and had a lot of fun exploring the US.

Expenses

Going abroad for a semester can be quite pricy. I guess the only big issue is the flight and the visa, the other expenses are quite the same as you would be at home.

My flight was quite expensive because I did not fly directly into Nashville - I used multiple destinations because I knew where I wanted to travel.

Visa, SEVIS, Photos, Driving and Parking	€ 450.-
Housing	€ 1500.-
Meal Plan	€ 800.-
Travel	€ 2000.-
Books	€ 250.-
TOEFL & Train Ride	€ 240.-
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