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Testo

Sweden has always been associated with snow and cold weather. That's what I encountered when I arrived there.

My experience started with the Industrial Design Project course. I took a trip with the class in the beginning for team building and started the project with SKF. A big Swedish company that is famous in the world for its high end bearings. I arrived there for the second semester which starts in January. It was really cold but it started to get warmer soon.

Generally it was a good experience and I learned a lot. People are very nice and they speak English fluently everywhere so even if you don't know Swedish at all, it's easy to go around and communicate with people. Chalmers didn't offer me a language course. If someone is interested, they need to look for a course by themselves.

Goteborg has long winters that continue till late April, then it becomes warmer but not like Italy. So I needed a wide range of clothes and usually it rains a lot during the spring and summer.

One of my most important problems was finding a place to live because there are many students in Goteborg and I arrived there in January. The best way to find a good apartment is to register on SGS website as soon as possible in order to have more options. Another way could be finding the pages for exchange students in Goteborg on Facebook where some students look for roommates. Life costs a little more than Milan but the most costly part is the rent.

Although Chalmers is a big university, it's mostly technical and the design faculty is very smaller than the Design faculty at Politecnico. Still there are a lot of equipments and computers and workshops for Design students and due to the fact that the university is always open, they are always accessible. The teaching methods are not that different from those in Politecnico but the grading system is a little different .

Chalmers has a very good relationship with the Swedish industries and most of the projects are sponsored by big and well-known companies in Sweden. Usually every group or team, in my case a group of four students, has its own project and company. The companies are eager to work with

students and offer a lot of opportunities for internships, jobs or thesis work but the deadlines are usually in March and April.

Sweden in the summer is green and full of life. There are a lot of lakes around Goteborg which are ideal for going out with friends and have some fun.

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