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I will always remember my great Erasmus experience at the Ionian University in spring 2023. For many good reasons I have decided to come back for a second autumn semester.

First of all I want to mention the helpfulness/ effort and welcoming atmosphere amongst everyone from the International Office, DFLTI, but also from the professors.

Though that I feel very motivated/ encouraged to study new topics and the Greek language. It can sometimes be a difficult language to learn but it is also rewarding in terms of connecting with people in other ways, not to mention that learning a new language helps with creative thinking, as well.

Secondly I am grateful for friendships at different departments (e.g. Music), it was also inspiring to see how Music (but also Art!) are so embedded in the cultural atmosphere in Corfu, eg. concerts related to the Music Department or any other creative programs that involve students of IU.

I like the familiarity on the campus and appreciate the Erasmus Buddies who organise bringing people together and make one feel having "arrived".

I also enjoyed the two courses that we had together with the other Erasmus students, Greek Language and Intercultural Communication. They were taught in a fun, enjoyable way including good discussions.

There would be so much more to write about positive experiences but to sum it up, I can highly recommend the Ionian University for Erasmus, not to mention that Corfu is also a beautiful Island to explore.

It has so much to offer, nature, history and culture, mentioning the Easter celebrations as a significant example.

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