

## Adam, International University of Rabat, Morocco Faculty of Arts

### How would you describe your overall experience?

The Erasmus experience was **one of the best experiences in my life and in my academic career**. In essence this experience taught me a lot of things personally; professionally and educatively

### What positive aspects would you highlight?

I would say above all the **general atmosphere** within the university and the city of Madrid, then the **new friends** I made and the **new culture** and language that I had learned



### What obstacles/challenges did you encounter?

Fortunately I encountered no obstacle. Erasmus life especially in Madrid and UAM was too easy. The students are benevolent. The **professors help us a lot** and are always present for us, and **the administration and the office of international relations were always on our side**.

### Do you have any recommendations/suggestions for future students?

The only things I want to tell them is to **enjoy a lot the city**. The experience. In addition, to take advantage of the teachers and the people who are there to help them. To travel in Europe and to **discover new things and especially to make many friendships** and photos because the memories are forgotten but the friends and the photos never fade



## Farouk, University Oran1 Ahmed Ben Bella, Algeria, PhD in Chemistry

### How would you describe your overall experience?

What can I say about this **beautiful university** and what can I say about this **beautiful city**, I had an **extraordinary experience** with super friendly and kind people, a college administration always smiling and especially always there for me when needed. I visited different historical sites of Madrid and I made lots of friends I was even invited in full of festivities organized by my team and above all that this **scholarship really made me progress in my PhD thesis**. In short, an experience that will forever be etched in my memory.



### What positive aspects would you highlight?

It's not possible to cite all of positive aspects but I will try to cite the most important for me.

So:

- ✓ A city rich in heritage and a super nice university.
- ✓ Friendly, kind and nice peoples.
- ✓ The administration is always present when needed.
- ✓ Well-equipped and modern laboratories.
- ✓ Teachers with world renown and especially super competent.

### What obstacles/challenges did you encounter?

The only obstacles that I have to face are the obstacles that anyone could find when going to another country different from theirs, the obstacles that I found is the fact of **living away from all your family your friends and your relatives**, trying to **communicate with people who do not speak English** but it quickly becomes a challenge when you decide to learn as much Spanish as possible during your stay and try to achieve the maximum of work during the time that you have.

### Do you have any recommendations/suggestions for future students?

I advise all future students to **take the chance to be in Madrid and Autonoma** and especially **not to be afraid to integrate** yourself in your team because peoples are super friendly, they are the kind of people who are there to learn and to teach others their knowledge and above all everyone will do their best to help you advance in your work. It is a wonderful experience to take advantage of them.

