

Exam session in NABA

My classes ended on the 7th of February while the exam session supposed to be from the 20th till the 28th. That means, I had two weeks to prepare for my exams. Let's recap what I've done during these two weeks:

First of all, -after all my classes ended and before the exams- I felt I deserve a short vacation, so I visited the Venice Carneval with my Spanish friend. Since in Hungary we don't celebrate Carneval that much, the vibe really overwhelmed me. Especially the first opening night, where they had a wonderful - half an hour- performance on the water with gondolas, fire, dance, people in the air, ballons and music...everything you could imagine. It was worthy to wait 2 hours -there was a huge line and we couldn't make it for the first show. Thanks God, they repeated it. This was my second time in this beautiful city and after this trip I'm thinking that I should consider Venice as my favourite Italian town.



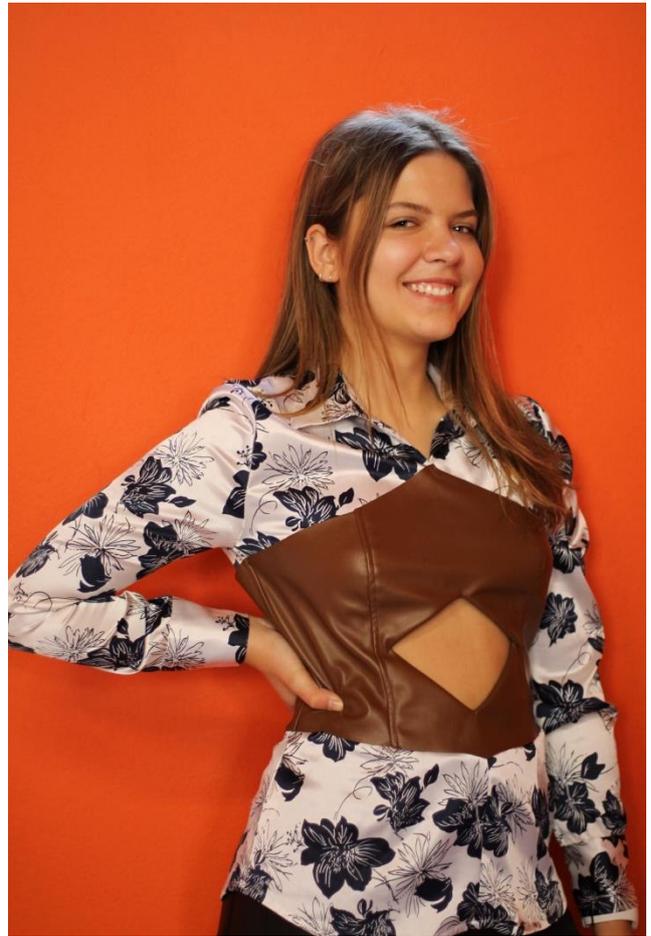


Opening of the Carneval

However, after this magical weekend I had to go back to work and focus on the upcoming exams. Here, I'd like to share some tips with those who might plan to study fashion in Milan. For example, it would be a good idea to bring your own sewing machine with you if it's possible. Yes, they have free labs what you can reserve, and yes, those labs are well-prepared, but unfortunately you can only book them for a certain period of time and it's really hard to get in. Usually all the places are gone right after the university opens the booking for the next week. Although, it happens quite often that somebody book a place, but then do not show up in time and in this case, they let you in even if you don't have a reservation. Still, for me as a person it's more comfortable when I can use my own stuff whenever I want and in my own place. Also, one week before exam session they close the free labs and they keep them locked till the end of the exams, so if you realize too late that you've missed something for your project, you can't just walk in and quickly do it. The second tip, if you're looking for luxury fabrics, don't buy them in fabric shops, they can be way too expensive. I'd recommend you search for a fabric market. A good example for this when I had to buy wool for a blazer, and I bought 2 meters for 10 euro in a market while most of my classmates spent even 60 euro for it. Furthermore, in some fabric shops if you want to buy fabric samples you need to buy minimum 1 meter so when it happens with you, try to look for some other shop. Well, I think these are the most important things in case you want to prepare for your exams in Milan. To be honest, I came home for one week, because it was easier for me to sew every single thing I needed to, buy all the fabrics I wanted and get cheap fabric samples. It's really hard to think in advance what you'll need for your works, what you have to pack when you're moving to another country. You don't know what your projects will be so it's kinda impossible. And then, you think: „no problem, I'll buy the missing things there“, but it also can be really hard, because you don't know the city, you don't know where to find certain things or if the price will be affordable. For this reason, I'd like to help and recommend a really big Arts & Crafts shop called Pisotti.

Anyway, moving to my exams, a lot of people think that just because you're Erasmus students, teachers will be nicer and more tolerated with you, but it's not always true. My first exam was rough, the teacher was pretty picky, she made a comment on every little mistake and she definitely wasn't indulgent. Among some other classmates, I passed but our grades weren't satisfying. And we thought this would be the easiest exam...well, I guess we were wrong. However, my second exam went so much better. Here, the teacher - unlike the first one- didn't say too much for us, she quickly went through our work and then let us go. Then the next day I got an email with a really good grade in it.

Here is some work from my project for the second exam:



We had to make a basic man shirt, a women shirt designed by us and a basic blazer.

Unfortunately, due to the corona virus issues in Italy my university suspended every activity in school so I couldn't complete my other 3 exams. I'm still planning to send my works via email to the teachers though.