

Erfahrungsbericht /Report of experience

Name:

Heimatuniversität / Home university: Kocaeli University

Land / Country: Turkey

Aufenthalt im / Stay in Summer Semester / semester 2024

Studiengang an der HHU / Subject at HHU: Medicine

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My Erasmus experience in Düsseldorf was an enriching journey that spanned 16 weeks of classes and 2 weeks of exams in total. From the moment I arrived, I was captivated by the city's vibrant culture and welcoming atmosphere. The city itself was a mosaic of international influences, with festivals, culinary delights, and art exhibitions that kept me engaged throughout my stay.

Düsseldorf, known for its fashion, art scene, and beautiful Rhine River, offered a perfect blend of academic rigor and cultural immersion. The university provided a supportive environment with professors who were not only knowledgeable but also approachable. I took four classes, including Augenheilkunde, Hals-, Nasen-, Ohrenheilkunde, Orthopädie and Neurologie. All these four main subjects of medicine really had my attention. And all of the classes were in German which was also very challenging for me. But in that way, my German medical terminology knowledge is now better and I am now more eager to improve my German.

As a medical student, a significant challenge I faced was not being allowed to participate in practical classes due to institutional regulations. This was initially disappointing, as hands-on experience is invaluable in medicine. However, I used this as an opportunity to focus on theoretical knowledge and engaged in additional self-study and research to bridge the gap.

One of the highlights of my stay was the diversity of the students. I made friends from all over the world, which widened my vision of life and bringing unique perspectives of different cultures. Living in Düsseldorf also meant navigating everyday life in a new language. While initially daunting, this challenge improved my German and boosted my confidence. The local community was patient and encouraging, making the transition smoother than I had anticipated.

Exploring Germany and neighboring countries was another unforgettable aspect of my Erasmus. From weekend trips to Cologne and Berlin to a quick getaway to Amsterdam, each adventure was one of its kind. Because of the unique location of the country, it was very easy to have short trips to further places by plane. And some of the trips I went, with the people I met during the Erasmus period and that was also made me very happy and made me to create lasting memories.

To future Erasmus students, I highly recommend immersing yourself fully in the experience. Embrace the challenges, cherish the friendships, and take every opportunity to explore. Düsseldorf is a city that welcomes you with open arms and leaves you with a treasure trove of memories and invaluable life skills.

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