

Hill Summer Study Abroad Program



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What was special about the university you attended abroad?

We had a program dedicated particularly for the European Summer School, it incorporated management and culture topics, language and field trips. Very different than the typical university structure.

What were the classes like?

The classes were short three hour lectures given by university professors from across the world: Netherlands, the US, Czech Republic, Turkey etc.

Did having this experience change the way you approach your studies or the way you participate in learning in the classroom since you returned to the UofR?

It opens my mind to the international implications of business, especially when talking about topics such as multinational firms or globalization.

How did the experience enrich your university education?

This program allowed us to tour many German based businesses, so learning about how business is conducted in another country is very valuable.

Did the experience change the way you see the world in any way?

Every time I travel it opens my eyes to a new cultural perspective. German's are very reserved, but very friendly once they open up.

Did the experience have any impact on your future career plans?

I would feel more confident taking a job overseas, as I know I am capable of adapting to another culture for an extended period of time.

Did the experience influence your thoughts on the importance of diversity in any way?

Absolutely, it reminds me that our individual cultural backgrounds really shape the way we think about and approach situations. That is something we need to remember to consider both in and out of the workplace.

What was your living space like?

We lived in a youth hostel with all other members of our program. There were shared bathrooms on each floor, a shared kitchen and rec room reserved for members of our program.

Did you feel safe?

So safe! The owners of the hostel were great, and said hi every morning!

How did you get around?

Either by train or walking. Public transport in Germany is so efficient.

Why did you choose to go on a Study Abroad?

I love travelling, and thought it would be a great opportunity to obtain course credits while doing something I love. The cost for two classes and living arrangements was the same as taking two classes here, so it was a no brainer!

What surprised you about your destination?

The city that I studied in was fairly small, but a lot of people still spoke English. I thought I would have a lot more trouble communicating.

Would you recommend the Summer Study Abroad programs to other students? Why?

It's a great opportunity to see a different part of the world, as well as meet other students from across the globe.

What was the biggest highlight from the experience?

I loved Berlin. I love war history and street art – and this city had it both.

What is your best insider tip for other students who plan to go on an exchange to help them have the best possible experience?

Get to know the people you're studying with. We went on some group weekend trips together, and it was really cool to learn how different, or the same it was to grow up and go to university in another country.



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