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As I was looking for Universities in Germany to do my semester abroad, I realized the great programs, lectures and facilities that were in the DHBW Stuttgart. So, I started with the preparation process and formalities in both of my universities.

First I chose the lectures that I was going to take in Germany and my home University in Mexico approved it. After that, everything was quite easy because the staff from DHBW was very helpful and efficient. They answered all my questions as soon as possible and made everything as best as they could. They made the process very fast as well, in order to apply for the visa because the appointments with the German Embassy and all the formalities including on it takes a bit long.

Once everything was ready I arrived on Germany and at the beginning we had a welcome week where we met each other and made some formalities. The International Office was always helping us and helping everybody with everything what is needed to stay here. Opening a bank account, or registering here in the city and much more.

Once the lectures started we could talk more between the students and got more time to spend together. The lectures were always very interesting and dynamic, in a very nice environment with great teachers and plenty of activities on each of those. It was very interesting the interaction between different nationalities and everybody had always something interesting, nice or different to tell.



Intercultural negotiation was a very interesting topic. We always had great negotiations between us. Sometimes we were almost fighting, but we were just playing the role.



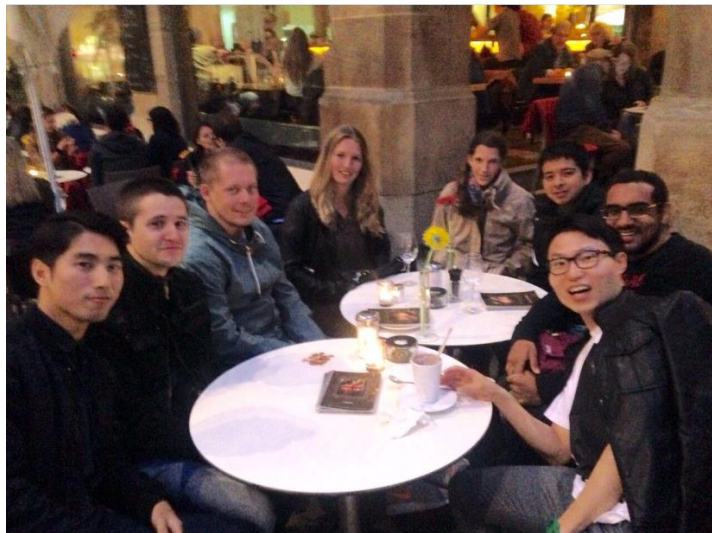
At the end we were always cooperating and reaching good agreements.



We made some extracurricular activities, such as visiting the Bosch Museum, the European Parliament in Strasbourg France and also the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.



Some other extracurricular activities included going for dinner, drinking some beers in a bar or in the Frühling Fest which is like the Oktoberfest in Munich, or eating Döner Kebabs, there are plenty of them around Germany.



I will really recommend to all people looking for some semester abroad to come here in Germany and if the program fits, DHBW Stuttgart is a very intelligent choice. They will help you in every step here and people can find plenty of opportunities to learn from everything, something that is very important when going abroad.

I came here just for one semester, but my German is now good enough to attend German lectures, so the next winter semester I will be attending German courses, something that makes my stay even more interesting. And as I said before, all the staff from the DHBW was very effective in the process and at the time of writing I'm just waiting for the beginning of the courses and some other formalities, but I'm very happy because I can stay one more semester here in DHBW Stuttgart.

Stuttgart and its region is very nice place to live, everything is very well connected in the city. The public transportation is just amazing. Big trains come full with people and is not crowded at all, you can travel very fast and very far with the public transportation. As a student, I could buy a Semesterticket which is a ticket that allows me to ride all buses and trains as many times as I want for the whole semester.

Not only the region is well connected, Stuttgart as well have plenty of countries that surrounds it. Austria, France, Switzerland, Italy is just after Austria, Czech Republic and Poland. So whenever I could, I travelled around and visited plenty of cities during my stay. I also used the Airport very often, sometimes I found cheap flights from Stuttgart Airport which is only around 25 minutes from Stuttgart Main Station by train.

My stay here in Germany is full of very good experiences, there are some other that maybe are not bad but not that well, but everything is part of being in a different culture and part of the life as well. I thank the University for making this experience possible, which is not only an academic experience, is a life experience where I have learnt a lot and from every single thing. As said before, I'll stay for one more semester, so the experience of being abroad is not finished yet...



