

Personal Report

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Home University: German University in Cairo

Host University: Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Stuttgart (DHBW)

Field of Study: Digital Media Engineering & Technology

Degree Intended: Bachelor degree

Number of semesters: 1 semester

Period of time: 6 months

Doing the bachelor project in Germany was a dream for me since I joined the German university in Cairo. When I was assigned to a project in Stuttgart at Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg (DHBW), I was very happy and excited at the same time as Stuttgart was a wish not just for me but for many of my colleagues.

After I was assigned to my bachelor project, I received an invitation letter from my supervisor Prof. Dr. Dirk Reichardt. Then I had an appointment with the German embassy in Cairo with all the required papers ready and 4 weeks later I got the visa. We were 15 students who were going to do the offered bachelor projects at DHBW. With the help of Mrs. Agnieszka Kucia from the international office at DHBW, we got a great accommodation offer in Favoritepark, Ludwigsburg.

It was time for travelling to Germany. I was excited and afraid at the same time. I was afraid because I thought at the beginning that 6 months is a very long stay but after I arrived in Germany, the 6 months were for me very short and were passing very fast.

After arriving Stuttgart, we had to finish a lot of paper works but with the Help of Mrs. Agnieszka Kucia we managed to finish them in less time. She was very welcoming, friendly and helpful. Also, it was a great opportunity for me to be working under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Reichardt. He helped me and guided me a lot throughout my project.

During my stay in Germany, I learned a lot of things and gained great experience. I was impressed by the transportation system in Germany with its punctuality. You can go to any place in an easy way with several means of transportations which are S bahn, U bahn, regional trains, ICE or busses. One of the important things in the transportation system in Germany is the so called "DB Navigator", which is a smart phone application that tells you the exact timings of all trains and busses.

It was also a great opportunity for me to meet the students of the culture connection and the English discussion group, they were so friendly and now I became friend with most of them.

I learnt to be independent as it was my first time to travel without my family. I learnt how to solve any problem I face and deal with everything on my own. Also, I learnt from the German people how to be a hard worker in addition to time management as they work really hard in the week days and then have fun in the weekends.

During my stay, I visited a lot of beautiful cities in Germany and other nearby countries but for me Stuttgart is the most beloved place. It is a very beautiful city where I spent the best 6

months in my life. I wish to study and do my Master thesis in Germany and especially in my beloved city Stuttgart.



In front of Schlossplatz, Stuttgart

At the end I would like to say that it was the best experience I have ever had in my life. I spent the best 6 months here in Germany and had a lot of fun.

Eman Belal,

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