

Personal Report -after DHBW

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Home University: Chung-Ang University

Host University: DHBW

Field of study: Business

Degree intended: just exchange student, bachelor degree

Number of semesters: 1 semester

Period of time: 09.16-12.16

[Introduction]

I was planning to be an exchange student, and I choose

DHBW. There were two reasons to back up my decision.

First of all, location of DHBW is perfect to travel Europe. Stuttgart is located in the middle of the Europe, so you could go France, Switzerland, Austria, and Czech Republic within a few hours. My main reason to go an exchange student is to experience various things. Location helps me to do this efficiently.

Secondly, DHBW has a very well organized system for exchange students. This helps students to adapt quickly. DHBW could always help you.

[Preparation of the stay]

There are a few factors you should prepare such as language, culture, politics and so on. Firstly, I will tell you about language. You don't have to speak German. Of course, it's better to be able to speak German for convenience, however English is also enough to be able to study in Stuttgart. This is because most of the German people could speak not only German but also English.

Secondly, as you know I'm from Asia, therefore there are lots of cultural differences between Asia and Europe. All you have to do is just to have an open mind. Then there will be no problems. You don't have to worry about small things.

About politics and formalities, you could learn through experience, so you don't need to prepare in advance. Just face it.

[Study in the host country]

I love all courses that I took in DHBW. They were interactive and informative lectures. The first thing I want to point out are hard-working professors. Furthermore, I took lectures with the exchange students who come from various countries. As a result, I could learn about differences and coordination.

University system is well organized. Many instructors such as Christina helped me to get familiar with the university and Stuttgart. I'm so thankful for her help.

[Stay in the host country]

In fact, before coming to Germany, I already loved Germany. I learned German as a foreign language in high school. Germans were neat and gentle. Accommodation was cheap compared to other West-Europe Countries. Plus, Stuttgart is very big city, but very calm, so it's very nice place to stay.

[Participation in conferences, workshops etc.]

Actually, I didn't participate many conferences, I was focusing on my journeys to visit other European Countries. However, it might be good to join in many culture events or conferences if you are interested in getting to know more about Germany more and making many friends.

[Hands-on tips]

There are many tips I could recommend. First of all, about the bank. If you like to travel, I strongly believe that you should make Deutsche Bank card. This is because there are lots of their banks all over the Europe. It's very convenient. It helps you to save so much time.

Secondly, about food. It is better to cook. When eating outside, you need to pay so much. I think you don't have to spend that money on that purpose. I suggest you minimize the amount of money to spend on food. Instead, you could use that money to buy some stuff or experience something special such as driving a car or skydiving.

[Personal evaluation of the stay at the host university and in the host country]

My personal evaluation about the stay at the host university is clear. It was a wonderful experience. I could experience so many things. Although I spent much money to stay in the host country, I learned many values through this experience. As a result, I don't regret anything and if I had a chance to go back in time, I would come to DHBW again.

[Conclusion]

I strongly believe that choosing DHBW for exchange semester is the best choice. I have now so many exchange students as friends and I got to hear their stories. To experience many things, DHBW is the perfect choice for you. Thank you very much. Good luck.