

Erfahrungsbericht / *Report of experience*

Name:

Heimatuniversität / *Home university*:

Istanbul university

Land / *Country*:

Istanbul, Turkey

Aufenthalt im / *Stay in* **Sommer / Summer** Semester / *semester* 20 23

Studienfach an der HHU / *Subject at HHU*:

Biology/ Master

Bitte teilen Sie Ihre Erfahrungen mit zukünftigen Studierenden. *Please share your experience with future students: (Mindestens 1500 Zeichen mit Leerzeichen. At least 1500 characters with spaces.)*

My Erasmus exchange semester at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (HHU) was an exhilarating journey of academic, personal, and cultural exploration.

As a Master's student of Biology, the rich curriculum and practical lab experience provided by the university marked a profound period of my academic life. The two modules I undertook were brimming with educational content and hands-on lab work. This structure helped me gain invaluable insights into my field of study. The well-equipped laboratories, state-of-the-art facilities, and the resourceful library at HHU enhanced my learning experience further.

Despite my initial language barrier as a non-German speaker, my academic experience was incredibly smooth as the courses I took were conducted in English. I am thankful for the understanding and helpful professors and students who were considerate enough to communicate in English, thereby making me feel included and comfortable.

Life outside of academia was just as enriching. The cleanliness and well-connected public transportation network of Düsseldorf greatly facilitated my stay. The provision of a student card, which allowed for free public transportation across North Rhine-Westphalia, made commuting seamless and affordable.

My accommodation was arranged by the Incoming Students Office. The dormitory, conveniently located near the campus, was well-maintained and provided a comfortable living space. Being able to walk to my lectures within minutes was a luxury that I appreciated throughout my stay. The Botanical Garden located nearby was another boon, offering a tranquil escape from my daily routine.

Beyond academics, this Erasmus experience presented a platform to forge new friendships and cultivate a sense of global citizenship. It allowed me to appreciate cultural diversity, develop a broader perspective, and imbibe resilience and adaptability, traits that I will carry with me beyond my student life.

In conclusion, my Erasmus semester at HHU was more than just an exchange program; it was a transformative journey that enriched my knowledge, widened my horizons, and left me with lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. I am grateful for this opportunity and strongly recommend this enriching experience to other students.

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