

## Erfahrungsbericht / *Report of experience*

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Heimatuniversität / *Home university*: Istanbul Üniversitesi Cerrahpasa

Land / *Country*: Turkey

Aufenthalt im / *Stay in* Sommer / **Summer** Semester / *semester* 2024

Studienfach an der HHU / *Subject at HHU*: Medicine

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Dear Friends,

I am Ece, and I am in my last year of medical studies. I participated in an Erasmus program at Uniklinik Düsseldorf as an intern. I interned in heart surgery and general surgery. In heart surgery, there were two of us interns. My friend who was there before me had a lot to do on her own. There aren't many opportunities in heart surgery to participate in operations. Our main responsibilities were changing bandages, drawing blood, and placing IV lines for both the patients in our clinic and those scheduled for operations that day. There was a lot to do in a short time, but not much in the afternoons, so we could take the afternoons for ourselves.

In general surgery, we mainly took care of patients in our clinic, similar to heart surgery, but we also attended operations and assisted other staff with more serious wounds. Since there were relatively more interns in general surgery, we divided our shifts. Operations sometimes took a long time because they performed really interesting and complex surgeries. So, if you have muscle or spine problems, it can be difficult. In both clinics, nearly all of the staff, from nurses to chief physicians, were incredibly understanding and helpful. They understood that you are from another country and might not be used to some procedures. I met incredible friends, and to be honest, without them, it could have been really frustrating. Overall, my experiences were really good.

For accommodation, the university offered me a room in a dormitory. I shared a three-room dormitory with two other Erasmus students. The conditions were better than I expected. Keep in mind that they don't guarantee a room. There were some parties in the dormitory, and it is usually possible to attend parties in other dormitories as well. The medical faculty also has parties with all the students.

Lastly, it is impossible not to talk about Düsseldorf itself. I think Düsseldorf is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. It offers both nature and city life together. It is easy to get around the city with public transportation. Additionally, there are lots of cities and villages nearby. I am sure you can find somewhere to go every weekend.

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