

## Erfahrungsbericht / *Report of experience*

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I had the opportunity to study a whole year (2023/2024) at the HHU of Düsseldorf, which, I think, gave me the chance to enjoy the Erasmus experience at its fullest. In fact, I had the chance to live Düsseldorf both during winter and summer and discover the many differences between my home country, Italy, and Germany.

The language was a bit of a problem and I think the main reason why, even with ten months' time, I was not able to make a single German friend. It also gives very few options for the choice of the exams. In these terms, the language courses were not much useful and too repetitive, and left me with the regret that I could have done more. Additionally, to make everything more difficult, both the Universities' bureaucracies were quite messed up: only a few HHU professors knew what to do with Erasmus students; on the German side, a lot is dealt with in very informal way for Erasmus students so there was really just a few certainties and the waiting times were really long, especially when trying to receive answers to e-mails; the Italian university was really strict and non-flexible when selecting the exams. The only easy and well-organized thing was the assignment of the dorm room, for which I am grateful.

However, all of this did not stop me from enjoying my German experience. I am now profoundly attached to Düsseldorf and I will dearly miss all the amazing people I met along the way. This experience gave me the possibility to travel like I never did before, changed my perspectives on a great number of things, thought me patience and to take things lightly: everything is fixable and doable from life setbacks to bureaucracy processes, does not matter how hard intricate and unclear it seems, just trust the process! If I went back I would do it all again, since through both bad and good experiences the Erasmus thought me more than any university could ever do.

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