

Erfahrungsbericht / *Report of experience*

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Heimatuniversität / Home university:	Tampere University
Land / Country:	Finland
Aufenthalt im / Stay in Sommer / Summer Semester / semester 20 24	
Studienfach an der HHU / Subject at HHU:	Philosophy

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I had a great time at HHU in summer 2024; this was my first Erasmus exchange, master exchange in the field of philosophy. The nomination process as well as the entire exchange process from Tampere University all the way to the arrival in Düsseldorf was well-structured and well-informed. All my questions were answered via email and I had a confident feeling to start my exchange studies in Germany.

I got in touch with philosophy students and other people in ASTA already before my arrival and everyone has been incredibly helpful especially in the times I needed some help with some information (enrollment to courses, assessment criteria, student card usage etc.) I failed to find online. Incoming students are taking good care of and they are being informed about different steps as well as e.g. summer parties and such.

I could join courses given in both in English and in German based on my language skill level, and again, the teachers were very cooperative whenever I would be facing some problems because of the language. The quality of teaching was high and the lectures were in my opinion well-organized, the work load was fitting to the credits to be given.

I was living at Studentenwerk close to the main student cafeteria (Mensa) and this was such a pleasant place to stay: food downstairs, lectures in the campus area and even to Botanic Garden just around the corner. City centre of Düsseldorf was reachable in 20-25 minutes.

As a green, clean and green city Düsseldorf has a lot to offer: many cozy cafes, shopping possibilities, pop-up flea markets and parks as well as great location to travel to other cities or countries. HHU's semester fee included the Deutschland ticket and that is something worth a shout-out, since it enables students to roam around Germany with regional transport. Deutsche Bahn has taken me all around, even sometimes with some delays...

I would recommend HHU & Düsseldorf to anyone who enjoys to be in the middle of everything but to live comfy; to make new experiences in the heart of Nordrhein-Westfalen and to someone who likes to culturally and socially active. My personal non-academic interests were mostly cheesecake, bretzels and dancing and those interests were definitely met in my time at HHU!

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