My experience at Heinrich-Heine-Universität in Düsseldorf was overall extremely positive. At the beginning it was sometimes difficult because I arrived late as a result of problems and delays with my visa, which meant I missed over two weeks of classes. Thankfully things quickly got easier, and it didn't take me long to settle in.

I studied Germanistik entirely through the medium of German because I am a modern languages student, and a study abroad placement is mandatory for my degree. This meant I got to study German literature in quite a lot of detail, which has really helped to improve my German and has also given me a deeper understanding of literary history and culture. I found all of my classes interesting, and my lecturers were all happy to help and very personable. It was especially interesting to learn about the writer and poet Heinrich Heine, after whom the university is named, and we even went on a trip to a local museum in the city as part of our class.

It was also really nice to get to know Düsseldorf as a city, as it really has a lot to offer. The Altstadt has so much history, and there are plenty of green spaces to enjoy, which is also the case on the university campus. The Semesterticket let me travel easily on all the public transport, so I got the chance to explore some other cities in Nordrhein-Westfalen, like Dortmund, Cologne and Duisburg. The Erasmus Student Network also gave me the chance to meet so many different people from all over the world, and I'd say I've made some friends for life. Overall, I would say I've had a really good time in Düsseldorf, and I'd highly recommend it, not only as a place to study but also as a very welcoming, multicultural and historic city.