I remember filling out my Erasmus application form in 2019 - there were many universities I could choose from, but the HHU stood out to me. I put it down as my number one choice and I have no regrets. I would not change my experience at the HHU and in Düsseldorf for the world.

At first, I was very hesitant about moving to Germany during a global pandemic. But the Erasmus coordinators at the HHU did their absolute best to make sure that you were feeling settled in. They are always there for you. But, they weren't the only ones! Before the Erasmus mobility, the HHU guides you with enrolling in classes, finding accommodation, and anything to ensure that when you arrived there, it would all flow smoothly. One of the greatest things they offered is the Erasmus buddy programme. Your assigned buddy, another fellow HHU student, helps you along this unique experience! The Erasmus buddies are also part of the Düsseldorf Erasmus group, where you can meet tons of other students from every corner of the globe! It really is true when they say that Erasmus helps you expand your knowledge in other cultures. I made so many different friendships that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Even though many events were cancelled due to Covid, they still tried their best to do other events in line with the guidelines. One of our favourite spots was the 'Rheintreppe' - nothing better than the view of the Rhine and the 'Rheinturm'! Aside from that, the HHU also offers foreign students German classes, from beginner to advanced levels, allowing you to improve or learn the language of the country you're living in. Everyone did everything in their power to make sure that you feel comfortable. You are never alone.

I was always skeptical about people saying that by the end of the experience, you wouldn't want to leave - but I was wrong. At the beginning, I was very homesick, but by the end, Düsseldorf became my home. I cannot wait to return here in future. I highly recommend it to every student.