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Aufenthalt im / Stay in Sommer / Summer: Semester / semester 20

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*Bitte teilen Sie Ihre Erfahrungen mit zukünftigen Studierenden. Please share your experience with future students: (Mindestens 1500 Zeichen mit Leerzeichen. At least 1500 characters with spaces.)*

I am an Italian student of Medicinal Chemistry and I studied at Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf at the department of Pharmacy for six months. In this period, I developed my Master’s thesis work. The stimulating and cutting-edge environment of the Heinrich Heine University has allowed me to enrich my cultural background. In addition, the multicultural environment has allowed me to open my mind to different cultures. In particular, I had the opportunity to work in a chemical laboratory where I could learn how to use cutting-edge tools. In addition, I was able to compare my knowledge with that of many PhDs of different nationalities, improving my knowledge for my career. From the human point of view, working with people of different nationalities allowed me to get to know a culture different from mine. Same thing I can say outside the university, where meetings with other Erasmus students allowed me to improve the English language and to know new ways of thinking, new traditions and new ways of approaching. I can also say that although my Erasmus experience was held in a hostile period due to the pandemic, I was able to get to know some German cities with their customs. The excellent location of the city and thanks to the Semester ticket, allowed me to visit cities in Holland and Belgium to be easily reached. I regret not being able to fully live the Erasmus experience with ESN meetings, however I can say that for sure, the Erasmus experience at HHU was the best experience of my life. In the end I can say that I am fully satisfied with the experience that made me grow both from a human and a working point of view, I will definitely return home improved. Finally, I can definitely recommend the Heinrich Heine University to future students to live an experience of personal enrichment.

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*I agree to the anonymously publication of my field report on the website of Heinrich Heine University.*

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