

Experience Report InterAct!

– Study abroad at Ostfalia Suderburg

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Host Country: Germany

Name of host University: Ostfalia

Duration of Stay: 4 months (winter semester 2023/2024)

The Preparation

Since I started studying, it was evident to me that I wanted to pursue education abroad. It has always been advised to utilize the fifth semester for this purpose, as there exists a mobility window during this time that streamlines the recognition of our courses and the completion of exams overseas.

The entire process to participate in this mobility program began approximately 5 months beforehand, which I found to be somewhat bureaucratic, but nothing that was impossible to do.

The Accommodation

When the adventure began and I first arrived in Suderburg, I was immediately impressed by the quality of my new accommodation for the next four months. The house was practically brand new and conveniently located near the college, setting the stage for a seamless transition into this eagerly anticipated new chapter of my life.

From the outset, I was struck by the genuine care and concern shown by the professors, with a special mention to Professor Jurgen Bose, who took the time to personally meet with us and introduce himself. Throughout the semester, both the professors and our fellow students at Ostfalia warmly welcomed us into their midst, creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Beyond the confines of the campus, Suderburg itself proved to be a charming and tranquil village. Equipped with a train pass, we were afforded the wonderful opportunity to explore a significant portion of Germany, enriching our experiences and broadening our perspectives in ways that exceeded my initial expectations.

The decision to pursue this mobility opportunity in Germany was undoubtedly advantageous, given its central location in Europe. This strategic positioning facilitated affordable and convenient travel to neighboring countries, a privilege that may not have been as readily available elsewhere.

Students Community

As for the Ostfalia student community, I found them to be exceptionally friendly and dynamic. Whether engaging in sports activities or organizing vibrant social gatherings, there was always a sense of camaraderie and inclusivity that made forging new friendships a natural and enjoyable experience.

In summary, my time in Suderburg was immensely rewarding. Not only did I form meaningful connections and lasting memories, but I also gained valuable insights and perspectives that will undoubtedly shape my future endeavors. To prospective students embarking on similar journeys, I extend my best wishes for an enriching and fulfilling experience ahead.