

Report

Your study

Home Institution	Banasthali University
Receiving Institution	Pädagogische Hochschule Weingarten
Study course (Home Institution)	Bachelors in Technology, Electronics and Instrumentation
Study courses (Receiving Institution)	Intercultural Studies and German Language

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Start of Exchange	4th April 2018
End of Exchange	29th July 2018
Name of scholarship holder	Click here to add your text

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I agree to the publication of my personal report included all pictures (approval for publication of those can be seen in the pictures is available) on the websites of the International Office of PHW and the website of the scholarship holder.

I declare that I am willing to help other students with questions. The International Office of PHW may publish my report with my email address or show it other students.

You may adjust the given space for the bullet points. But note that the length of your personal report should not exceed 5 – 10 pages excluding the cover sheet and pictures

1. Synopsis

Write a short synopsis of your stay abroad. Were your expectations on a study abroad satisfied? How would you evaluate your study abroad?

Being an exchange student is one of the greatest opportunities in life and Weingarten was everything and more that I had expected. I had expected to learn a lot new things and be-friended with many new people. And these past four months in the P.H. Weingarten were great in all aspects. I enjoyed studying with the professors here and my German Language skills have definitely improved over this time. Evaluating my study here I would give it a ten over a ten. I had a little bit of homesickness and I missed the food from India but except for that everything was completely perfect.

2. Scholarship

Please give details of your scholarship and/or your financing

My semester here was self-funded. I did not receive a scholarship and I have financed my stay here for all these past months. For applying for a visa I had to get a blocked account which had 3000 Euros. And since then I have been able to suffice my living on that amount.

3. Preparations for to the stay abroad

Please include the following topics: application process at the host institution, personal preparations, help during the preparation given by your home and your host institution.

On receiving the news about my selection at the P.H. Weingarten, I was extremely happy and the paperwork began on the very next day. We had to fill in quite a lot of documents and had to send them to the P.H. within a set time period. In times of doubt all our e-mails were answered by the host institution and everyone was helpful in every way possible. At my home university we were provided with every sort of guidance we needed and the preparations went on smoothly and we were able to complete all our documentation in time. Even at the times when the international office at the host university was closed our e-mails were answered with satisfactory answers to make sure that we face no kind of difficulty. As for the personal preparations; due to certain problems that I faced during our visa application, a lot of my preparations were hampered. Nonetheless the host university supported me through all this and regardless of the fact that I could not arrive on the decided date the host university assisted me with everything.

4. Your stay in the host country/host institution

Please include the following topics: enrolment and choosing courses, description and assessment of the study system and the courses, organized leisure activities, other events organized by the host institution, support by the host institution in general

Upon arriving to the P.H., I was supposed to enroll and choose courses that I would have to study for my semester. That was by far the most difficult thing I did during my stay here. Although the staff of the international office were great help and I figured my way out really fast. The study system in Germany is a great deal different from the study system of India and I can say the same about the assessment. It took me a little time to get used to these changes. There were many leisure activities arranged by the P.H. and we were properly informed about all of them on time and were given proper instructions regarding everything. The host institution arranged for many events and I had a great time meeting and greeting all the other international students and also the students from the Hochschule. All the professors that taught me were extremely understanding and dealt with me with great patience and helped me with everything ranging from the course details to teaching me the culture of Germany. I have had the best time in Germany and I am really sad about how fast this semester went by and it's already time to return.

5. Studying in the host country

Please include the following topics: personal experiences and impressions, life outside the institution.

As soon as I took my first step on the German grounds, I was ready for a great adventure, and I faced my first adventure on the very first day. I missed three trains and got stuck in one train and all my other friends got off the train. The next adventure was when I got lost on the main road near to Ravensburg. But nevertheless, the people are amazing and helpful both the times I was helped by strangers. I am really feel comfortable between Germans around me and all this while I haven't come across one man who is a racist or someone who has abused me for being an 'outsider'. Everybody has been welcoming and have shown warmth. I really admire the cleanliness of this country. The beautiful landscapes truly take my breath away. I have been on various trips pan Germany and everywhere I travel I see how cultured and well-mannered everyone is, and how everyone is always ready to help. Being here during the summer semester has also been a plus point for me as the weather has been so good throughout my stay. I am really happy about the way people live in Germany, in so much peace and harmony. Germany has given me some great friends and beautiful memories to cherish and also great photos to upload on my Instagram! This has been a great experience and I really hope to come back to Germany really soon.

6. Handy tips for future students

For all the students who plan to come to Germany for a semester or two I have a few things to say,

1. If you come from India, keep in mind that the trains and buses always travel on time. I know it is unlikely in India but here everything works punctually.
2. Reach classes on time. The professors consider it disrespectful if you don't reach classes on time. The same applies to every appointment. It is really polite to arrive on time.
3. Don't be shy. Germans and every resident of Germany is helpful and will be more than willing to help you out.
4. Focus on your German Language skills. It is really important.
5. On Sundays, German campuses are basically ghost towns. The stores are closed, no one is in the streets, and good luck trying to find someone to hang out with.

7. Further

Feedback, wishes, ideas for the International Office of Pädagogische Hochschule Weingarten

I have had the most wonderful semester here at the P.H. Weingarten and I am really thankful to every member of the international office and also Lisa and Nicole who have been such happy hearts with warmth and kindness filled in them. I really appreciate and thank everyone for all the support and help. I heartily congratulate you on the success of yet another semester and I wish all the very best for an infinite yet to come. It was really a golden opportunity for me to be able to come here and I am eternally thankful to all the people who have done their bid and helped me realize this dream of mine. As for the ideas, I am really positive about the way the people work here and I am absolutely satisfied by the way people deal with problems. I wish the International Office of Pädagogische Hochschule Weingarten all the very best.

8. Please feel free to add some picture of your exchange (Please make sure you have the right of all persons who are in the picture to be published)

1. At the cookout



2. In the Basilika



3. In uberlingen.



4. At the neuschwanstein castle



5. In Zurich



Date

12th July'2018