

Review report HISSEMA Summer school 2014

In the summer of 2014 I had a wonderful opportunity to participate in Hannover International Summer School of Economics and Management (HISSEMA).

I received the chance to gain academic experience in Germany by attending English lectures in Economics and Business Administration while being able to collect course credits. The HISSEMA is also attended by German students.

Within the "Business Administration" module, I attended the course "International Finance". I passed a final exam to achieve credit points. Topics were included:

- Competitiveness of companies and international business relations
- Finance, incl. financial crisis.

Within the "Economics" module, I attended the course "The German Economy". I passed a final exam to achieve credit points. The course was consisted of the following parts:

- The German Labor Market
- The European Union
- The Welfare State

German Culture, Business and Language Class provided basic German language skills as well as insights in German culture and history. Two excursions to leading German companies and institutions gave insights into German business culture. During the course "German Culture Business and Language Class" we visited the German capital Berlin, and two German Companies - Nord LB Bank and Volkswagen factory.

This trip was very interesting for me. I acquired international experiences. I was studying in the center of Europe. I got insights into the German business culture by visiting some of the most successful German companies such as Volkswagen (VW). I got first hand information on the development of the German economy. I got familiar with the European Union, its development and current challenges. I expanded my social network by making friendship with people from overseas. Also, it was a great personal experience - live in a foreign country, studying on a second language, meet people from other countries.

When we arrived, German student met us at the airport and transport us to the dormitory. So before my study begins I have time to observe the city and take part in Kick-Off Day which is very well organized. After Kick-Off Day we had a BBQ party.



Swans near our dormitory

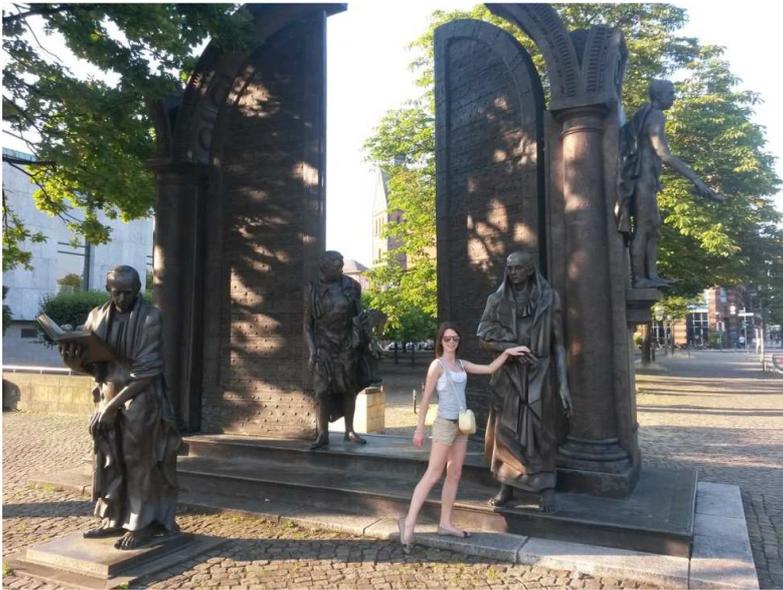


View from the classroom

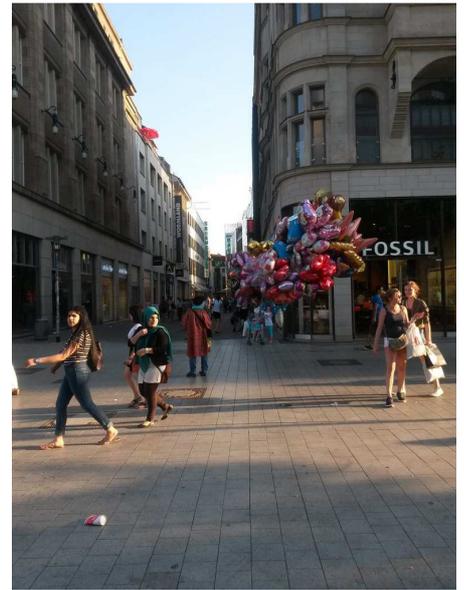
I would say that study at HISSEMA was very democratic and all the lectures are run in the form of a dialogue between students and the teacher. Much attention is paid both to theory and practice that is why all students take part in different group and projects.

First week was spent at endless bars, pubs and clubs with new friends from other countries all over the world.

Then when you are fed up with noisy clubs you can observe the city: it is quiet, picturesque and lovely. There a lot of great places to visit like Hannover City Hall, Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen, Erlebnis Zoo Hannover and so on. Just walking around the streets is like a small magic trip.



The city center of Hannover



Hanover street

On second, third and fourth weekends we have time to visit some places outside the city or even the country. We have visited Berlin, Munich, Goslar, and Amsterdam. We also visited theme park near Hannover.



Theme park



Reichstag

During the first 2 weeks the workload was not too intensive, that's why there was lot of time for traveling and other activities. My friends and I spent almost all weekends abroad visiting different regions and having fun.

But the exams were really all about stress and studying, that's why last 2 weeks were really exhausting. Almost all the exams were not about learning the materials, but about understanding. After all they were used to publish the grades not earlier than 2 weeks after you write a test, which was weird for me.

An exchange study at Leibniz University Hannover helped me to broaden my mental outlook, make new friends, and find new attitudes to study and self-development.

I am sure that study in Germany has become an important landmark in my professional and private development.

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Sincerely,

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