

Report
HISSEMA, Leibniz University of Hanover
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My summer of 2015 was spent at Hannover International Summer School of Economics and management and I do not regret it! I decided take part in HISSEMA to deepen my knowledge of economics and management and get first handed insights about German economy and culture.

During first weeks of HISSEMA I have been learning German culture, business and language. Language classes introduced me to German and helped me acquire some basic but essential language skills. Even I know not enough German to communicate on advanced level it still have make me feel more comfortable in everyday Hannover life and most importantly thanks to this class I'm continue to learn German. Within German culture and business, I've got insights about history and culture, learned about German constitution, legal system, law, political system, different political parties, social security system in Germany. I really liked this classes, it gave me a deeper understanding of the county I studied.

During the second part of my stay in Hannover, I've been learning "International Management and Economics" and "The German Economy and the European Union". Within first course, I studied such topics as international finance, international trade and corporate social responsibility; within second course, I studied German labor market, welfare state and Germany as a part of EU.

The brightest memories about this summer school for me are the memories about our amazing excursions. First excursion was to Nord LB, one of the biggest commercial bank in Germany; in Hannover it's headquarter located. We took a chance to listen about bank itself, it's policies, it's ways of doing business. We got information from the leading experts of Nord LB about current state (as well as some forecasts) about economies of such difference countries as USA and China. Outstanding building of bank itself also worth mentioning (see the photo below). Second excursion was to the biggest Volkswagen car plant in Wolfsburg. I would just say it was truly spectacular to see by myself almost fully (99%) automated car production as well as get some insights about marketing in car industry. Finally yet importantly, we went to Berlin! It was definitely the greatest two days of that summer; I incredibly enjoyed walking tour around the city, visit to DDR museum, all historical insights, boat trip and of course traditional dinner. In addition, I think time spent in Berlin helped our group get to know each other better.



Concerning the city itself, I really like Hannover! It is quite a big and diverse city; I think everyone will be able to find activity to occupy oneself, whether it visiting a variety of art museums; classical as well as modern, or enjoying Maschsee summer festival where you can eat, drink, enjoy view of the lake and spend pleasant time with friends. For me the most enjoyable place in Hannover was definitely the Herrenhausen gardens; I strongly recommend visiting it.



As the result of this summer school, I acquired new knowledge in the area of economics, new cultural knowledge, got an amazing experience how to live on my own in the foreign country, challenged myself and discovered myself in many ways and of course made new friends!

I would like to thank DAAD for this marvelous opportunity!