Sommerakademie 2014

05th of August – 29th of August 2014

Leibniz Universität Hannover
1. Documents and Arrival

Applying for the Sommer Akademie semester runs through the Hochschulbüro für Internationales Office. First of all, you need to connect with a person from International Office of Leibniz University (link: http://www.international.uni-hannover.de), then “intermediary” will send you an instructions and document forms to fill. This year it were Marcus Remmers and Nataliya Butych. In the e-mail you will also be prompted to further documentation to Hannover submitted as a copy of your passport, a Photo (3cmx4cm), Motivation letter. Also, you need to fill up the blanks of Scholarship application for short time programs for incoming exchange students and Accomodation form (if you need the dorminatory).

The University Hannover prepares an invitation for the visa, which will be sent by mail to you. The exact German (Schengen) visa requirements can be found on the relevant Website of the Consulate. You also get the provisional timetable for the entire Semester with all the lectures and the corresponding spaces and the upcoming Activities.

After your incoming to Hannover, you need to get to Hochschulbüro für Internationales Office (Welfengarten 1A) where tutor will give you the documents and booklets (guide information, city map), after you will take participation on Welcome Barbecue.

2. Dorminatory

The Dorminotory (Roderbruch), in which I was settled was cozy and well-maintained.

First of all, transport. Under the Dorminotory are located S-Ban (Metro) station “Roderbruch” and Bus station; thanks to S-Ban, the trip to University takes just only 20-30 minutes.

Security. Generally, there's no security in dorminatory. Everybody from dorm have a 2 keys, which opened the front, floor and room doors. You're able to get in your room everytime, also you can take your friends in dorm to play Pull, make a party or to make a BBQ.

Comfortability. There're very comfort on a floor: kitchen, divided shower, toilet.

Your own room are comfortable and bright: there're table, bed, washbasin, cupboard, Internet and TV routers. There is a washing machine and a dryer.

Payment. The payment for living costs 230 Euro per month. This is the best price all around the city, for example, the price for Hotel is under 700-800 Euro (per Months).
3. Finances

Besides payment for education (530 Euro), also you need to pay for dormitory (230 Euro). After arrival, the best way for you to buy “season ticket” for S-Bahn (50 Euro), foodstuffs (under 80-90 Euro), clubs (my “experience” tells that you could pay under 10-15 Euro per visit), and souvenirs (30-70 Euro).

4. Study

Study starts on a weekends from 9.00 to 13.00. There’re half-hour break between 11.00 and 12.30, during break you’re able to go to University Canteen (Menza) or to the local Cafe, where “mediate” breakfast will costs under 3-4 Euro.

The tuition ran exclusively in English and German languages. Variety of teaching methods contains different tasks and exercises: presentations, group discussions, work with educational materials, city guiding, movie watching, reading, singing, and so on.

During the months, you work in a given group, consisting of students from different nationalities. These should be interesting to find new foreign friends / contacts and also learn something new about foreign cultures.

On the last day of Summer School are the final presentations and exam. After passing the exam, you will get a certificate, like this:
5. Activities and Recreation

Hannover is a huge and modern city: there're a lot of clubs, restaurants, much bars and pubs. First of all, Hannover is a historical center and a city with a long and interesting history. If you interesting in History, I recommend you to visit Herrenhausen Gardens, Hannover Historical Museum, Neues Rathaus, Landesmuseum, Manshsee Fest and so go on.

*Herrenhausen Gardens* - it's a huge garden complex, which located nearby the Leibniz University. If you like history, botanique and silence, I recommend you to visit Herrenhausen Gardens.

*Neues Rathaus* - it's a city hall, which was opened on July 20, 1913. Very beautiful and fascinating building. On a upper floor you're able to take a view of a city center.

*Maschsee Fest* - fest, which you'll able to visit every evenings on an August. Full information you will found here: ([http://www.hannover.de/Maschseefest](http://www.hannover.de/Maschseefest)).
Also, I recommend you to visit flea market, where you can buy interesting stuff and upgrade your haggle skill.

6. Conclusion
The Sommer Akademie School 2014 was the best time in Germany. Thanks for SAS 2014, I have upgraded my German language, also I have learned more about culture, economic and politic live in Germany.
In Hannover you can expect a very exciting and eventful time in a very busy city with lots of culture and History.
If you need to take more information about the city and the university and the programme, visit
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