Sommerakademie der Leibniz Universität Hannover
2015

Olga Neshchadim,
Saint Petersburg Polytechnical University
This summer I had an unique opportunity to take part in Summer school in Hannover University due to the association agreement between my university and Hannover Uni.

I was already studying German at the university and had some knowledge, so I chose B1-B2 level course which took place from July 17 to August 11. Besides, I heard a lot about Hannover and Hannover University, because many exchange students from Germany (including Hannover) come to study in my University, so we have a chance to find out a lot of interesting things about our countries and educational systems. Thus, I was very excited of coming to study in Hannover.

Right after arrival I got keys to my room in the dormitory for students, as everything was prepared by International Office of the University beforehand, they did a great job. My room was small, but very nice and cozy. It took me about 20-30 minutes by S-Bahn to get to the University.
On the first day we had a test, which helped to divide us into two groups: B1 and B2. I got into B2 group. We had two teachers there. Both ones always told us something interesting about German traditions, culture, habits and history, so every class I learnt not only language, but also some interesting facts about Germany. On the first class we were asked which problems we have and what we want to improve during these 3 weeks in order to make our lessons more productive. A lot of educational materials were used during our classes: workbooks, grammar books, different videos and audios, we played a lot of games, so the lessons were never boring!

As for the entertainment program, it was flawless. On the first day we had a Welcome Party, where we could meet each other, talk, eat and have fun. Lots of interesting activities were organized by International Office: bike ride around the city, trip to Hamburg, visiting zoo, Maschsee, Herrenhäuser Gärten, watching films in German etc. On the last day we had an amazing Goodbye Party.
To sum up, I can say that it was unforgettable experience. I met lots of interesting people from all over the world and of course became better in German. I would really like to go back to study in Hannover someday again!