My name is Andrei, I'm from Saint-Petersburg from Russia.

I am enrolled in the double degree master program between St.Petersburg State Polytechnical University and Leibniz University Hannover in the area of Mechatronics. The first year I studied in St. Petersburg, and the second - came to study in Hannover. My education in Hannover started in the winter semester 2013-2014.

For a trip to Hannover, I needed to get a national visa. It turned out that in St. Petersburg I needed to get appointment in the German consulate very much in advance. I did it in just two months, and I barely managed to get a visa before flying to Hannover.

When I arrived in Hannover, I already knew some information about the city and the university, due to the fact that this summer I participated in the summer academy of Leibniz Universität Hannover. So I could quickly integrate into the learning process.

In my group there were only 3 people as the program has just started. We all came from Russia in the framework of this double degree program.

All lectures were held in the form of presentations. I liked that our professors printed out slides and gave them to us. I could make notes directly on the slides, and in preparing for exams it was very comfortable.

During the lectures professors were using real and demonstrative stuff. I could touch and see the design features of real devices.

At the workshops the tasks were offered associated with problems in the actual production. Professors were well prepared for lectures, despite the fact that this master program was the first year in English.
The education program included the laboratory works. Laboratory equipment at Leibniz Universität Hannover is wonderful. All work is carried out on modern equipment. I could see and work with equipment that was mentioned and shown during the lectures. The essence of the laboratory works are very close to real-world problems in production. Thank to this I could learn how the algorithm or installation will work in the real world.
The examination session started at the end of semester. The exams are very different, so that I had the opportunity to experience different types of exams: written, oral, mixed (part was oral and part was written). It was unusual that the oral examination assistant sat near to a professor and wrote the professor's questions and student's answers. It was also unusual that the results of the oral exam were announced one or few days after the exam.

**Summary**

By the end of the semester, I was pleased with the quality and level of education at the German university. The professors are highly qualified in their areas and were presenting the material understandable to the audience.

Also laboratory equipment impressed me. I liked the fact that the theory is very closely related to the practical application in the actual production.

Education at Leibniz Universität Hannover justified and exceeded all my hopes and expectations!