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I always wanted to participate in Erasmus Mobility and I'm glad I did. I was so curious of how would it be studying in another country, starting again from 0, making new friends and gaining new skills.

Studying German has always been one of my desires, so I decided to start learning it approximately 6 months before completing the papers for Erasmus.

Paperworks and documents proces is a little bit exhausting, but in the end it was worth it  $\odot$ 

When I finally got the place in Saarbrucken I was really happy and well motivated so, during the summer I took an intensive German course, which helped me a lot.

My mobility started in October and for the first two weeks I took German classes in Saarbrucken with a group of other erasmus students. After that I started the semester in Homburg. At the beginning I have to admit that following the lesson in German was very hard, but with time it became easier and easier.



Homburg is a small city, but there's everything you could need and Sarrbrucken is only a 20 minutes train ride, so it's really close for every need.

The people in Homburg have been always friendly and helpful with me. They always say Germans are cold but actually I absolutely cannot agree on that. The students were trying to talk to me all the time and to make me feel part of the group.



The majority of the Professors was amazing too. They were treating the students like colleagues and I found it really motivating to do my best and improve myself everyday.

They also used to bring patients to classes in order to let us have a direct contact with them.

Exams were not easy, so I didn't pass all the ones that I wanted to. Also they don't really treat you as an Erasmus student, but just as one of the other German students.

Apart from studying and learning, Homburg is so close to many interesting cities: Paris, Metz, Luxembourg, Trier, Heidelberg and many others. I didn't have the opportunity to visit all of them because I was there only for one semestre and the time really flied.





I lived in a Studentenwohnheim with other students, both erasmus and not, and I really enoyed the experience. I made a lot of friends and day by day I improved my German.

This experience thaught me a lot of things like taking decisions all by myself, pushing my limits as far as I could and I'm really grateful I had this opportunity.

I really hope I will visit my friends there really soon and that in the future I will come back to Homburg for a summer internship or to work there as a doctor.

I highly recomend to take part in the Erasmus project and to really enjoy every moment of that. It's a once in a lifetime experience.

Sincerely yours,

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