



## Student testimonials for the International Blog

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### Short feedback about your stay in Rosenheim:



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#### **Why did you decide to study at Rosenheim University of Applied Sciences?**

My University has a partnership with Rosenheim that made it very easy to study abroad. I've always wanted to visit Germany, and I heard Bavaria is one of the **best** places to visit (It definitely is). I also had taken German language courses before, so I was eager to practice.

Additionally, Rosenheim UAS offered a Masters in Electrical Engineering taught in English that provided a wide array of class choices.

#### **What do you particularly like about your university in Bavaria?**

I really liked the student work-life balance. The courses were challenging but the university has many great events throughout the semester that keep the whole experience fun.

I also really liked that I could live in the student housing with other German students. I would not have met nearly as many students if I had lived in a flat off-campus.

#### **Was there anything that you found particularly strange or surprising when you first arrived here?**

As a student, you register for classes at the end of the semester, and can attend lectures at will. At my home university we are required to register for classes **and** can only attend those pre-registered classes. At Rosenheim, I was able to sample all courses that interested me until I settled on the ones I liked the most.

#### **What are your plans and goals for the future?**

I will finish my undergraduate degree at my home university, and then possibly return to Rosenheim to pursue a Masters degree in Engineering Sciences.



**Are you involved in any clubs/ extra-curricular activities at your university?**

At my home university I am involved in the IEEE electrical engineering club, and am also a member of two honors programs. I am not involved with many official clubs, but I am involved in many hobbies with other students such as ultimate Frisbee, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and traveling.

**What are your favourite places in your university town and why?**

I really liked the older parts of downtown Rosenheim. I have good memories of the food festivals and open-air markets. The rose garden was also a great place to read and relax, and there is a nice bike trail running along the river Inn towards Austria.

**What are your favourite things about Bavaria?**

The Alps first and foremost. I hiked at several places including Berchtesgaden and Zugspitze and fell in love with the mountains.

I really loved the Bavarian festival culture, It seemed like there was a fest or event every weekend and they were all memorable.

The transit system is world class, with a bike and a train ticket you can move around Bavaria with ease. I never felt I needed to rent a car, though I did because the Autobahn is awesome.

**If you were writing a postcard to your parents and friends in your home country, what would you say about your time in Bavaria?**

I would tell them that living in Bayern was an irreplaceable experience. Thanks to my professors and university I've been extremely productive in my studies, and thanks to the Bavarians I have met I was introduced to a vibrant culture.

**Is there anything you particularly miss about your home country?**

Besides family and friends, I missed the ocean (I've always lived near it) and the ridiculously large portion sizes that characterize American meals. Although I have to say Bavaria has some really beautiful lakes and the quality standards for fresh food is top notch.

**Do you have any tips for other international students coming to Rosenheim?**

Arrive early. I arrived a week before the semester started. This meant I was settled in to my dorm and knew my way around Rosenheim and the train system by the time classes started.



If you plan on staying for two or more semesters, or you just like to travel, purchase the BahnCard 50. It reduces most single person train ticket costs by 50%, and the cost of the card is much cheaper for a student. If you plan to travel as a group inside Bavaria, learn about the Bayern-Ticket.

Visit as many lectures as you can during the first few weeks of classes. Then you can find the ones that interest you the most. If the course description PDF does not show enough information, add the class on the Community (Internal website) and look at the professor's course materials. Most will upload their lectures and you can see what you will be studying in detail for the whole semester.

Don't be afraid to talk with the International Office! They were extremely helpful with any question I had, small to complex.