

Testimonial of your short-term stay abroad

Please submit in English or otherwise in German. Please share your experiences on the following aspects of your stay. The provided bullets below serve as a guide to describe your stay abroad, please replace and use your own words. Please keep a max. of 400 characters per box. Please send back as a docx.-file.

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Preparation

How did you prepare your stay?

- I had referred websites like <https://www.academiccourses.com/summer-courses/europe> and <https://www.summerschoolsineurope.eu/> which helped me to find all the summer courses available across Europe with information regarding the fees and curriculum.
- I found this summer school course on the websites mentioned above and chose this course as I am currently pursuing Electrical and IT with a career focus towards embedded systems especially in the automotive domain. This course was about the applications of the Industrial IoT and its practical applications.
- The application process was simple and entirely online. I had to fill in all my details and upload my resume. The result was announced via email within a few days.



Accommodation

How did you organise your accommodation?

- For the accommodation search, the university provided some options. But I was looking out for cheaper accommodation with the provision of a kitchen too.
- No, I had searched for the accommodation and found an Airbnb with a community kitchen.
- It was a quiet neighbourhood called Via di Mezzana around 5kms away from the university.
- I was along with 2 other friends from TH Rosenheim who were doing the same summer course as me in the shared room. It was an apartment with private washroom and a common kitchen.

Programme at host university

How did you learn during your stay at the host university?

- The arrival session was smooth and welcoming. We were given Canteen Cards and Bags
- Learning environment was a Classroom equipped with projectors and speakers. There were also many hardware demos provided by the respective professors.
- Yes, the university staff and professors were always ready to help and support.
- Yes, I had used the university Wi-Fi service and the university canteen too. Delicious food and unlimited drinks at an affordable price.
- The language was comprehensible. Although some lectures were challenging as it needed the pre-requisite knowledge. Otherwise, the topics covered (RFID, Connected Vehicles, etc.) were also super interesting.
- Overall, an interesting and comprehensive course for the students who have a focus on Embedded Systems and IoT. I would recommend this course to the future students.



Leisure activities

How was your leisure time and what did you do?

- Yes, the networking possibilities were good. All the professors shared their contact details if interested in future work and research capabilities.
- We were taken to the Computer Museum in Pisa where we got a guided tour of the oldest computer in Italy. Starting from Olivetti, Elea to the recent Apple Macbooks were on display. This was interesting to see and understand the evolution of personal computing.
- Yes, the times for leisure activities was during the weekend where we students altogether coordinated and went to the Viareggio beach and the had authentic Italian pizza.
- Visit the Leaning tower of Pisa, Arno River walk during the evenings, enjoy delicious Italian food and wine. Travel to Cinque Terre!



Summary of the stay abroad

Overall, how do you look back on your stay abroad?

- The academic gain was the chance to understand the current market and technological innovations. Personal gain was the possibility to interact with many Masters and PhD students from across the globe.
- Yes, the learning outcomes from the summer course have helped me understand the possible topics I can consider for a Master Thesis.
- Getting to interact with the different students, the session on Connected Vehicles by Prof. Saponara and the great food shall be the top-of-mind recalls from this course.
- Overall, the summer school was comprehensive and highly informative. Pisa was Bellissima! 😊

