

FIELD REPORT ON BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM

DETAILS ON BIP

- Mastering the Art of Public Speaking
- Algebra Bernays University, Croatia
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PREPERATION

- The planning and organization for the (BIP) Program "Mastering the Art of Public Speaking" was a collaborative effort with my friends, who also participated in the program. Together, we discussed the travel and accommodation details in advance to ensure everything was well-organized.
- We booked a midnight train from Rosenheim to Zagreb, which turned out to be a memorable experience. The journey was enjoyable and full of laughter, as we played games and shared stories along the way.
- The application process for the BIP was efficiently managed with the great support of the International Office at TH Rosenheim. I would especially like to thank Tina Kaffl and Tamara Harrer for guiding us through the process. Their help allowed us to concentrate more on our preparation and participation in the program, without having to worry about the formalities.



ACCOMMODATION

- Where did you live? How did you find your apartment? How much did you pay? How did you get from the apartment to your host university? From the airport to the apartment?
- We booked our Airbnb apartment before arriving in Zagreb. The accommodation was lovely and well-suited for students. It was conveniently located about 25 minutes' walk from the main station and only 8 minutes' walk to Algebra University, where the program was held.
- Since it was an Airbnb, we had access to a kitchen. This turned out to be a great advantage, as we got to experience dishes from different cuisines prepared by my friends, which added a unique cultural aspect to our stay.
- We shared the apartment among friends, which made it budget-friendly. Each of us paid approximately €20–25 per night per person for the stay. Upon arrival at the Zagreb railway station, we took a cab directly to the apartment.



COURSES AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

My time at Algebra University in Zagreb as part of the “Mastering the Art of Public Speaking” BIP was nothing short of incredible. From day one, Ms. Rebeka Dajak and her amazing team welcomed us warmly and made sure we were well-guided throughout the week. They gave us a tour of the modern campus, helped us navigate Zagreb with useful transport tips and apps and even broke the ice with a fun bingo game that brought students from different countries together.

The program itself exceeded my expectations it was hands-on, practical and incredibly engaging. I truly appreciated the learn-by-doing approach. A huge thanks to Prof. Ivan Pakozdi and Samson Abiodun for making each session so impactful and memorable. I gained valuable skills that I'll carry with me for life.



EVERYDAY LIFE AND LEISURE

- We also made the most of our time outside the classroom by exploring the beautiful city of Zagreb. One highlight was our visit to the Zagreb City Museum, where we got a deep dive into the rich history and culture of the city. It gave us a whole new appreciation for our surroundings. The culinary experience was equally exciting we dined at a traditional Croatian restaurant where I discovered my favorite local dish, Štrukli, a baked cheese delicacy that I instantly fell in love with.
- Evenings were all about bonding and experiencing the vibrant nightlife of Zagreb. We visited clubs and pubs almost every night, dancing, laughing and building friendships with students from all over the world. These shared experiences outside the classroom made the entire journey even more memorable. It was a perfect balance of learning, cultural discovery and fun, and I'm genuinely grateful for everything this program offered.

CONCLUSION

I would wholeheartedly recommend this BIP program to all students and friends. In just a short span of time, I gained so much both academically and personally. The experience was rich with practical learning, cultural exposure and personal growth. What I appreciated the most was how the professors made the topic of public speaking highly interactive and hands-on, allowing us to truly practice what we were learning in real time.

Another highlight was the chance to connect with students from all over the world. Every conversation, every group activity and every shared meal was a learning experience in itself. It wasn't just a study program it was a life-changing journey full of insights, memories and friendships that I'll carry with me forever.

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