

FIELD REPORT ON BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM

DETAILS ON BIP

- Secure Thinking, Algorithms, Networks and the Mind Behind the Machine.
- Algebra Bernays University, Croatia.
- 03.05.2026 – 08.05.2026 (Summer Semester 2026).
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PREPERATION

The academic and organizational preparation was very smooth. My international coordinator, Tina, was extremely supportive and helped me with all questions along the way. The application process itself was simple and quick to complete.

ACCOMMODATION

- I stayed in a hostel close to Zagreb's city center, recommended by the receiving institution. As an exchange student, I also received a discount. I shared the room with a friend who participated in the same short-term mobility program, and I paid around 50 euros per night, including breakfast.
- I travelled to Zagreb by train and bus, and then used the tram to reach my accommodation. To get to the university, I walked about five minutes to the tram stop, took a 10-minute tram ride, and then walked another seven minutes to campus.



COURSES AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

- The BIP focused on the foundations of information theory, taught through paper-based simulations and hands-on challenges. The facilities at Algebra Bernays University were impressive: 3D printing labs, a PlayStation corner, a supercomputer and server room, and many other modern learning spaces. In the surrounding area, there were also bouldering halls, tennis courts, swimming pools, and plenty of opportunities for sports and leisure.
- The content was engaging and interactive. All students were divided into two teams and competed in a “Pacific battle”–style challenge. Some topics had already been covered at TH Rosenheim, so the program also served as a valuable revision for me.
- I was welcomed supported by several international coordinators as well as very friendly local students who helped us navigate the campus and the city.



EVERYDAY LIFE AND LEISURE

- I had many opportunities to talk with and get to know international students. These conversations allowed me to learn about different cultures and exchange perspectives on a wide range of topics.
- I visited the Zagreb City Museum and the Croatian Natural History Museum, which gave me a deeper understanding of Croatian heritage. I also went bouldering with other international students, watched a football match, and tried dishes from different countries from street food stalls to restaurants.



CONCLUSION

I would absolutely recommend this BIP to other students. It gave me unforgettable memories and meaningful experiences. I met people from countries I had never visited before like Georgia, Lithuania, and Mexico, which corrected many stereotypes I had previously heard. I am truly glad with my academic learning, cultural exchange, and personal growth through this program.

