I was slammed with exams during my second year of the university when I decided to apply for this great scholarship. I managed to find time to complete the application and send documents by mail. Nevertheless I didn’t expect to get the scholarship, since the competition was huge. Consequently, the email from BAYHOST congratulating me for being one of the scholarship holders really surprised me. More importantly, I knew from the first moment that spending a month learning German in Regensburg would be one of my best experiences.

A whole month of August in Germany sounds like a dream. Studying German in an international environment, among people with different backgrounds exchanging variety of opinions and ideas is a very effective way to actually learn and go deeper in understanding German language. What is more, this was a great chance to explore German culture and customs.

From the very first day in Regensburg, I had great time. Welcome breakfast, good people and very kind organizers who officially opened the course. From that very first day actually, I met three girls and it turned out that we spent almost every second together during the course. They became really good friends of mine who I want to have always in my life. What is more, after the entry test, we all were selected to B2.1 level and our course could start.

In the morning, we used to have classes that lasted 3 hours in total. Consisting of a group of around 15 students, our classes were very productive and effective. Our teachers had their own plan for the course, but were really open minded and ready to change it if we have our suggestions. They
concentrated on important grammar rules that were hard for everybody in general. Furthermore, we
did a lot of reading and listening activities which was really important for better understanding of
German and increasing vocabulary. Throughout the course, we had a lot of open discussions where
we had to express our own thoughts and judgments or to try to defend a certain opinion about some
topic. Frequently, we needed to act during conversations to make better performance and be more
realistic. We covered a lot of different topics and I am very satisfied with my progress.

Besides regular classes, we had cultural studies. In this part of the course we were discussing about
German culture, customs, industry and interesting facts. A couple of times, professors prepared
traditional cakes for us which was really unexpected for me, but at the same time really delicious. We
learnt not only information that we all wanted to know, but also some facts that we never thought
about. Our professor was really creative in preparing his presentations, so it was fun listening to him.

What is more, we also needed to choose one of the offered workshops at the beginning of the
course. Since I selected ‘German for Occupation’, we covered the very important stuff about writing
applications and preparing for an interview. We got the role to find the advertisement online for the
job we seek to and prepare a CV and cover letter as an application. Later on, our teacher played the
role of an interviewer and we had to cope with all the questions she asked. In that way we simulated
the real situation of applying for a job, which I found really helpful and interesting. Besides that, we
could listen to other students while interviewing as well, and get better insight from a perspective of
someone who is not directly involved. All in all, that workshop was perhaps the part of the course I
always looked forward with greatest enthusiasm and I put my biggest effort into.

Not to mention all excursions inside and outside the town that made my stay in Germany really
pleasant and unforgettable. We had several organized tours of different sites in Regensburg that are
really worth seeing. To be honest, I enjoyed most visits to different beer gardens where we could try
all German delicacies and of course drink beer. Furthermore, we had organized tour of ‘Hall of
Liberation’ in Kelheim, Danube cruise, Nuremberg, hike to a traditional beer garden, many sports
activities, as well as a great summer party where we all presented something specific for our country.

To sum up, this was an amazing experience. I am really grateful to all organizers of this course, all
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for great atmosphere throughout the whole course and positive energy you radiated. Thank you for
great lectures and presentations, new words and tips. Without doubt, I would suggest everyone to
apply for this great scholarship and take part in Summer Course.