
ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2020

Heimatland:	Serbien
Studiengang:	Humanmedizin
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 12.08. bis 21.08.2020
Kursort in Bayern:	Bayreuth
Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses:	B2

This year I was lucky enough to be chosen for the BAYHOST Scholarship Summer course program. Although the course didn't go as firstly planned due to the COVID 19 pandemic, nevertheless this experience was of great value for me. To whoever is reading this, do apply for this scholarship, you will have a great time and improve your German a lot!

As for the application process, everything was thoroughly explained on the BAYHOST website, and as far as concerning any additional questions, they were all responded to via email in 1-2 days which I appreciate greatly. Due to the pandemic, summercourse had to be held online. At first I must say that I thought it would be cancelled altogether and so I was really pleasantly surprised when I got an email saying that I got a scholarship and that BAYHOST managed to organise summercourse online in such short notice. All that was required for me was to have good Internet connection, Computer or Laptop with Camera and goodwill. Although I was excited by the option of having the full experience of summercourse in Germany, I found this as an great alternative as well and was thankful for it.

My summercourse was organised by the Bayreuth University in Germany. I did a preliminary online test and was scored as C1 level of knowledge. In the period to come, via email I got all needed information and found the organisation of the whole course really good. The course lasted 2 weeks and I was able to choose between Journalism, daftest preparation, teaching or economy course. I optioned for the TestDaf preparation course which I found would suit me the best, since I planned on taking the C1 level exam next year anyway.

Classes were held on the Zoom platform, every weekday from 9am to 13.30pm and there was an additional 2 hours in the afternoon with other participants where we practised some more if we wanted to. In addition to that, we could apply to some additional lectures on various different topics ranging from lectures about World War II to yoga class and coctail making and cooking classes. I found that Bayreuth University did a really good job preparing the online course in such a short time, especially since it was the first time for them too, holding the course online and not in person.

I was also greatly satisfied with my lecturer who was holding the TestDaf preparation course. We had all the material needed on the online platform. It consisted of 5 different modules with the Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking part in each. I must say that each day we mainly focused on the Speaking part which was great since I found it the most needed. Our lecturer gave us some great tips for the exam, a lot of additional material that we can use for whichever test we option to take, be it Goethe-Institute, DaF or some other. He really was there for any questions we had. I also met some great people online in these 2 weeks and I quickly got used to beginning my day with them and improving my German. Since I hadn't spoken German a lot in the past 2 years, this course really helped me a lot and again I could see how the everyday use of language is important in order for us to advance. I can say, without doubt, that my, especially, conversational skills greatly improved which is exactly what I was hoping to get from this experience.

Although the course was held online, I learned a lot. Although online learning has its advantages, like waking up at 8.50 and still being able to be in time for the beginning of the class at 9am, I am sure that the whole experience would be even better if we all could have meet and interacted in person. I always thought that just by roaming around the city, using the public transportation and sightseeing in the foreign country you can improve your language skills a lot. Despite all that, I am greatly thankful that we had a chance at this experience at least in this manner and thought that it was really successful.

If asked would I recommend this course, the answer is yes. And I will surely apply next year as well. I think BAYHOST scholarship is a great way for one to invest in thyself and, surely, that is the best one can invest in.

In addition, of course, you will not only improve your language skills, but also meet some great people, learn a lot about German culture and schooling system. Hopefully, next year scholarships will be held in Germany and one will get all this, but on an even higher level <3

In the end I would like to share my gratitude to BAYHOST for this opportunity and for choosing me as one of their many scholarship holders. This experience gave me a lot and I will surely recommend it to everyone.

To whomever having any doubts wheather to apply, do it, it is worth it for sure.

