
ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2021

Heimatland:	Kroatien
Studiengang:	Energetics, Power Engineering
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 12. Juli bis 6. August 2021
Kursort in Bayern:	Eichstätt
Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses:	B2

I would like to address my experience and overall takeaways from this year's German Language Summer School so that any future attendees have a clearer vision of what it means to take part in such an organization! So, let's start!

I have learned about this program through Facebook when I have seen a post my mother had shared from her friend so you could say it was all by accident. I decided I should go for it since the BAYHOST organization covers all of my expenses and the only aspect in which I had to contribute is giving my full attention and time to make the best out of this experience. The application process was actually quite simple and straightforward. It took my 2-3 days in collecting all of the necessary documentation after which I have send it all through post. If I remember correctly, the documentation included transcript of records, my CV, filled out BAYHOST application form, proof of German knowledge of at least B1 level, my motivational letter and proof of other language knowledge (e.g. English). Please take care of the fact that all of your documentation is up to date and correct and that you send it in time. In this world, as you know it is all about meeting deadlines! After sending all required documentation, I just waited for the official answer of BAYHOST, which was at the end of April notifying me I have been granted a scholarship; the amount, place, and dates were mentioned and it was up to me to accept or reject it. Therefore, I would say the application process was actually as easy as it gets especially after I have been through the process of application for Erasmus+, which seemed to be never-ending and filled with paperwork! The BAYHOST institution was helpful along the way and I really do not have any remarks or warnings for any future attendees/applicants.

My courses started on the 12th of July and lasted up until 6th of August and they were held online by the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. Before I was allocated to a level, I had to go through a testing phase, in which I was asked to fill out a questionnaire of about 60 questions. I was then allocated to my

level, which was B2. The course lasted for 4 weeks. Since I haven't spoken in German in really long time I wasn't as comfortable starting my course as intensely as it had started. However, the professors were very supporting and understanding of our differences and levels of knowledge in German. We were required to speak a lot and constantly be prepared to argue our opinions and thoughts, which was not always easy. I would say it was just the challenge I needed to push me into testing my knowledge and learning something new every single time class started. There were different teaching methods applied varying from YouTube videos and songs to poems to radio conversations to pictures and comics.

I would say BAYHOST did an excellent job in making my course easier as the only thing I had to do is accept my scholarship while they finished my documentation and scholarship details with the Catholic University for me. I believe this experience will help me in developing my future career since it is not for nothing that people say "The more languages you know, the more you're worth".

Overall, I would love to take part in this experience again if I had the chance. The only aspect I regret is the fact we could not travel to our place of study and the courses were held online. I'm not stating that the online summer course experience is in any way bad or not worth your time. However, when you see the pictures and the activities planned for the attendees you feel really sorry about not being able to see and live in the environment where you were supposed to learn (especially when it's as beautiful as it was shown to us!). Nevertheless, I would recommend this online summer course to EVERYONE (and I cannot stress this enough) who wants to invest in themselves and most importantly in their future!

I wish you all the luck in the world! You got this :)