

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2017

[Report on summer course in Bavaria in 2017]

Herkunftsland [county of origin]: Serbia

Heimathochschule [home university]: University of Novi Sad, Serbia

Studiengang [course of study]: Psychology

Sprachkurs in Bayern [course in Bavaria]: von [from] 3.8.2017 bis [until] 25.8.2017

Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses [name of the course]: Summer German Language Course

Kursort in Bayern [place of the course]: Munich

Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses [course level]: B2.2

Dear future participants of the summer German course, I have attended the B2.2 course from 3rd to 25th August in Munich, at the University Ludwig-Maximilians (LMU) and that was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I have decided to write in English because, as I saw, there are many beginners, and I would recommend this course to everyone, the beginners, just as the advanced ones.

I suppose that the first questions which you're worried about are how to apply, all the administrative procedures, how to get all the information. To put you out of your misery, I will tell you this, everything is completely organized. On time, and maybe even before you think of any questions, the great team will tell you everything you need to know about the procedure. They will send you all of the documentation by e-mail, as well as the guide with the necessary information how to manage during the summer course. The guide I got included absolutely everything, from a detailed map on how to get from the airport to the welcome reception, the information where the classes will be, the information about the after-class activities, the important phone numbers, to the information about where you can find a religious institutions. I got to the Munich airport "Franz Josef Strauss" by an airplane. The transport was organized and it was by bus (a few times a day) which drove me directly to the welcome reception and costed 10 € (You can also buy the ticket and go by your own. It'll cost 11,80 € and the ride lasts much longer.). When I got to the welcome reception, the organizers were waiting for me with all the necessary information, about the course I will be taking (I did the placement test in the beginning of July, and the information about the level I got when I arrived in Munich), as well as the information about where I will be situated. I was situated in "Studentenstadt", which was right next to the welcome reception. My room was satisfying, I was in a single bed room so I was

alone, but the bathroom and the kitchen were shared with the whole floor. Munich is divided in rings, my dormitory was in the 3rd, most of the other students were in the 3rd or 4th ring and depending on in which ring you are the price for the city transport is different (it includes the metro, bus and trolley). My monthly ticket costed 65 €. I ate in a canteen where the lunch costs from 3 to 5 €, you get to choose from a variety of meals which also include the vegetarian ones.

I was taking the B2.2. course. The classes took place every day from 9 am to 1 pm, with the break of half an hour in between. The classrooms have Wi-Fi and are equipped with new technological devices. The lectures were diverse, and they covered all the aspects of studying a language, speaking, listening, grammar, exercises, watching movies. The professor was very approachable, so she took in account our interest and wishes regarding our lectures. During the lectures apart from the language, I learned a great deal about the German culture and history too. We had a book which we used and followed it, but our teacher also brought and used some additional material so we would find our lessons more interesting. To me the problem with the German language, and as I saw the problem with other people too, was communication. If that's the same problem with you this summer course is a chance to start speaking. After a few days I myself was surprised from how much words I used and how I managed to find them in the back of my mind. Really, this course helped me to loosen up and improve my speaking skills. It means a lot when you are surrounded with people who actually speak that language. I plan to continue my PhD studies in Germany, so I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who is in a similar situation. At the end of the course we had an exam which consisted of the projects which we did as a team and then orally present them and of another writing part. Passing the exam brings you an earned certificate and another 3 ECTS credits which can be written in you Student Index.

During my stay in Munich, everyone got the necessary contacts of the people who are in charge for the additional activities, classes, and we could call them whenever we needed help. I didn't have any problems, but I know a girl who wanted to switch rooms, and the organizers were kind enough to respect her wish.

Apart from the lectures, tours of the city and other excursions were organized. We went to Salzburg, the beautiful castle Neuschwanstein, just as the camp Dachau. The excursions were another creative way to learn the language, because we listened to the guides speaking in German (there is an option to listen to it in English if you like) and apart from learning the language we got culturally rich too. Munich is a beautiful city. There are many places you can visit. I would definitely recommend Englischer Garten, Marienplatz, Olympiadorf, Allianz Arena (the football stadium of FC Bayern München) and St. Peters' church from which you can see the whole city, the Uni and many other sites.

I would really like to thank BAYHOST for this wonderful summer course experience. It allowed me to upgrade my knowledge in German, to make new friendship and meet people from different parts of the world and to, in all these ways, get a better professional experience and to, most importantly, upgrade as a person.

Picture 1. University



Picture 2. Marienplatz



Picture 3. Englischer Garten



Picture 4. Neuschwanstein castle

