

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IM ÖSTLICHEN EUROPA

Hochschule in Bayern:	Universität Regensburg
Studiengang:	Molekulare Medizin
Sprache:	Ungarisch
Sprachkurs im östlichen Europa:	von 16.07. bis 29.07.2017
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	Szeged Summer School
Kursort im östlichen Europa:	Szeged, Ungarn
Sprachkursniveau:	Fortgeschritten

My experience with the Szeged summer school 2017:

I was very lucky to get a scholarship for two weeks at the summer school in Szeged from middle to end of July 2017. In preparation for the summer school we had to take a language test, so that the organizers of the summer school can see what level in Hungarian we already achieved. This test was only about one hour and it should be sent back to the organizers. When I had any questions about the organisation, the hotel or whatever, they helped me a lot and were always very kind and helpful. They even opened a new facebook group for the members of the summer school, which was a very good idea, because we already could connect with each other.

The day I got to Szeged was very exciting, because I have never been there before. In the evening there was a big welcome party where we were put in five different groups for the language training, according to the language test. I was in group number five which was the group for the advanced learners (I already learned Hungarian for two years at my university in Germany). The dinner was great and it was nice to meet all the new people there from the course and also the teachers were there. The organizers warmly welcomed us and explained how this summer school will work. The next day our language training already began. First we met our teachers, talked about why and where we learned Hungarian and got to know each other. In the lunch break we all went together to the canteen, in the afternoon we had a cultural class. In the evening we went for dinner to a small restaurant in Szeged. On this evening I went to bed very tired, because of all the new impressions.

In the following two weeks our focus lied on the Hungarian language and we learned a lot about different topics like hobbies, how to take care of our environment, media and more. In our group we tried to speak a lot, because training the speaking skills was very important at our level. Our

group was very small, consisting of only 5-6 people which made learning very easy. Everybody was able to speak about his or her country which was always very funny and interesting, because in our group were people from all over the world: Egypt, Russia, Turkey, Finland, Croatia and me from Germany. I really could see how my Hungarian got better every day and I totally lost my shyness. I tried to speak more than before and it got easier to talk to people in Hungarian. In the afternoons there were always cultural and historical classes or we went to a sightseeing trip in Szeged, to a museum or to see the famous „Roek” palace in Szeged. I think that was very important, not to learn the language but also the culture or history of Hungary. Every few days there was a film evening where they showed a famous Hungarian movie. It was very nice to sit together with the others in the evening and watch a good movie. On the weekend we went to Budapest by train. This was one of my favourite days at the summer school, because in Budapest we saw a lot of different sights: for example the parliament, the Buda castle, the heroes square and so on. We spent the whole day in Budapest and went back at the evening. Sunday was free and so we were able to relax, to study or to go somewhere. I went to „Opusztaszér” to see the huge and famous painting there. It is part of the four week summer school, but I was only there for two weeks, so I went there on my own. On the day before my last day there was an international evening organized. Everybody could prepare something special from his or her country. Some people cooked something special or prepared food, some talked about their countries and some even performed some national songs. The food was great and we got our certificates. It was a very nice evening and at the end we went to the city centre for a drink with our teachers. I was very sad to leave at the next day, because I already liked everyone and I was sure I will miss Szeged and the summer school.

All in all it was a really great experience and I am very lucky and thankful that I got the scholarship. In the end I was a little bit sad that I didn't stay for the entire four weeks. My Hungarian got a lot better and it is easier for me to speak Hungarian now. So this summer school was very helpful for me.