

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2014

Herkunftsland:	Slowenien
Hochschule im Herkunftsland:	Universität Ljubljana
Studiengang:	Zahnmedizin
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 02.08.2014 bis 31.08.2014
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	German courses
Kursort in Bayern:	Passau
Sprachkursniveau:	B2

I shall write this report in English since many participants of the German courses Passau were not fluent in German and I would really like as many applicants for the BAYHOST scholarship to understand me.

I was extremely happy when I received the scholarship, since I have always wanted to improve my German but could not afford such a course. I have to say that my expectations were fulfilled.

I definitely recommend an application to all who wish to work or study in Germany, because you not only learn the language but also get to know the Bavarian culture and life. Our language classes took place Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 12:10 and consisted of grammar, conversation and listening. The topics were not always interesting for me, but my German has improved greatly, especially my reading and listening skills. However, in my experience the course requires some work, you cannot just slack off. On the first day you write the placement test and depending on your knowledge you are placed in groups from A1 to C1. At the end there is an exam, you get graded and of course, you can also fail. Therefore, you must also study and do your homework. In the afternoons there were also special, but not obligatory conversation and grammar classes.

But not everything is work! In the afternoons there were always special activities from rowing, hiking, swimming, movie nights, picnics and visits to the *Biergarten*. Most of the free activities were also a mean of learning more about Bavaria, for instance we had a typical Bavarian breakfast one morning, and we visited a *Bierfest* in a nearby town. There were plenty of opportunities to

spend time with other students, meet new friends and have fun. The activities were always well organized. The only problem was the weather – this summer it rained a lot in Passau.

Every weekend there was also a trip to one of the tourist attraction – Salzburg, Linz and Český Krumlov. You had to pay extra for these trips and there were not enough places for everyone, so some students could not go. But it does not matter since you can visit so many Bavarian cities on your own: Munich, Regensburg, Nuremberg and Augsburg. Passau is also a charming town. It has many lovely shops and the surrounding nature is very beautiful.

There were also special lectures on Bavarian universities, how to apply for a place and how studying in Germany looks like. Therefore, if you are considering studying there, no matter what subject, this is perfect for you.

In general, all the tutors and teachers were very nice and helpful. I must stress again that everything was very well organized and there were no glitches except at the end. The brochure stated that we could stay in our rooms until September 1st, but it turned out that we had to leave by August 30th. This was a problem for some who had tickets to return home on later dates. That's why I recommend to double-check this with the course organizers. The only thing that really bothered me was that the classes were too big, up to 23 people. In my opinion for quality studying of a language the groups should be smaller.

All in all, if you cannot decide whether to apply or not, definitely go for it. I have learned so much more than just German. In the future I plan to continue my studies in Germany and this course has helped me a lot. I was very busy all the time and the 4 weeks just flew by. I am very grateful that BAYHOST made it possible for me.