

## ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2014

Herkunftsland:	Ukraine
Hochschule im Herkunftsland:	Technische Universität, Mariupol
Studiengang:	Wärmeenergiewirtschaft
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 04.8.2014. bis 28.8.2014.
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	Communication course
Kursort in Bayern:	Bayreuth
Sprachkursniveau:	B1

This summer dropped me out a chance to take part in the most unforgettable trip in my life, travelling to Germany. In this composition I would like to express everything I experienced there and give some advice for further scholarship holders. Before my arrival to Germany I got reference from responsible organization BAYHOST. In my opinion I got answers almost for all my questions. Employees of BAYHOST were as kind to me as it is only possible. They reacted really quickly and described every detail which I was interested in. For this a special thanks to the BAYHOST-Team.

In my first days in Germany I didn't feel information insufficiency and everything was like in a fairy tale. All people around me were friendly, everything worked like a clock. In my first hours there I got help from the course bureau about my accommodation, program and other useful information concerning my stay in Germany. To find the course bureau was very simple because you can find a plan of the town in every bus station or you can ask any person. German people are polite and always ready to help you. You can notice this from the first minutes in Germany.

The city of my destination was Bayreuth. It is a small city in the south-east of Bavaria. The level of life is high like in almost all other Bavarian cities. The amount of money for every day depends on your own criteria of life. For example, I spent approximately 10 € per day for food, but without different excursions and entertainment (with it I would calculate about 15-20 € per day). The food in the canteen costs approximately 5 €. The accommodation is not so expensive as well and costs 260 € per month. The most expensive is the course fee which is ca 600 €, but if you are a holder of the BAYHOST scholarship this organization will cover all these expenses.

Regarding the conditions of the classroom and the university I can say a lot, but there will be only good assessments because I didn't notice any disadvantages there. The classroom was made in European standard, school desks were new, all class contains only new equipment and environment disposes to training. Outside there is a green lawn where students spend their free time. If something

wasn't clear for me I could just ask the organizers or go to the course bureau and they would explain all details.

As for my personal progress I can say a lot. When I came to Germany I used only English for interaction. I knew German as well, but the communication with native speakers seemed to me a bit difficult. They spoke very fast, didn't make a pause and it was a difficult task to separate the words and understand the whole sense of the sentences. At home with my private teacher I didn't face such a problem. Fortunately I got a good group at the university with a really smart and unique teacher. She knew how to present her material and the students at my class were smart as well. After the first week I started understanding better and every day I made a step in this direction. After two weeks it wasn't a problem for me to watch TV in German or communicate with other people. My knowledge was enough to speak about normal topics, to express my opinion about something or to buy food in a shop and so on. I got used to this language and I liked it. Almost every day we were studying a lot of new words, writing some stories in German and studying grammar. In my opinion this course combined all necessary knowledge for living in Germany. At the end of my trip I used only German in daily life and even started forgetting English. Eventually we passed a final test and I got a certificate with points and level of proficiency of language.

Our daily life in Germany wasn't limited only by studying. We also had a rich cultural program. After classes we visited a lot of museums and sights, even travelled to other cities and studied the history of those places. In our free time we also had the possibility to visit sport sections or just go for a walk. At night the course administration organized for us discos. I could continue eternally and I won't have enough time to describe everything I have experienced there. So I advise you to try it yourself and you can trust me: It will be the best decision you have ever made!