
ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2016

Herkunftsland:	Mazedonien
Heimathochschule:	St. Cyril und Methodius Universität
Studiengang:	Humanmedizin
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	02.08.2016 bis 28.08.2016
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	MISU Sommersprachkurs
Kursort in Bayern:	München
Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses	B1.2

My German language summer course was one of the best opportunities I have had to improve my German language skills. There, I finished level B1.2 and greatly improved my speaking skills, thus I am very grateful for this opportunity provided by the BAYHOST stipend. Although I could write this report in German, there are many students on course level A, so in order all to benefit from it I'll write it down in English.

My first day went really well. I arrived in Munich by airplane at the Allgäu Airport in Memmingen. From the Allgäu Airport in Memmingen there is a bus that goes regularly to the Munich central station (Hauptbahnhof), it costs 17 Euros or 15 if you pay for your ticket online. A quick search for the airport and busses on google and you will find the website easily. The busses are usually coordinated with the incoming flights so I only waited for 20 min at the airport. From the central station it is really easy to reach the Studentenstadt: you need to go to Marienplatz and then take the U6 metro. You can buy tickets from the ticket-machines or at the info desks. At Studentenstadt the MISU team left directions everywhere, so it's really easy to find the reception desk. There the students were really friendly and told me everything I needed to know in order to find my housing and also buy the ticket needed for the public transportation and the Mensa card. That was really useful. My place was near Klinikum Großhadern, where I think the majority of BAYHOST scholarship holders were, and the ticket for public transport costed 76 euros for the whole month. It's really worth it since most of the sites worth seeing in Munich were covered by that ticket. The money provided by the stipend is enough to have a good time in Munich. Most of the time we ate in the Student Mensa, where for just 4 Euros you can get a very nice meal. But we

also frequently visited the beer-gardens where you can get really nice roasted meat and beer. They are really popular in Munich and are a great place to meet new people and practice your speaking skills.

The language course itself was really well organized. We had classes every day from 9 until 13 o'clock, and on a few days until 15:30. But don't worry, we had breaks for lunch. The classes were great! Our teacher always encouraged us to speak by asking us questions or by encouraging us to interact with other students through different exercises and games. Although there was a big focus on our oral skills, we also practiced our grammar, writing and listening skills. We also had homework most of the time, but it was well balanced so we had time to go out and enjoy the lovely city.

The course was well complemented with a set of extracurricular activities which helped us explore the city, its surroundings, and the Bavarian culture. We had two cinema days, where we saw movies about Mozart and Ludwig II, which were timed just before our excursions to Salzburg (the birthplace of Mozart) and castle Neuschwanstein (the fairytale castle King Ludwig II built). I also forgot to mention that on our second day we got a guided bus tour through the city where we got to learn a bit about its history. For every activity there are German and English language tour guides. But I have to say that if you are a B1 student and you are thinking about which tour to take, the German tours are better if you wish to improve your language skills. The guides speak very clearly and even though you may not understand 100% of what they say, you will get most of it and improve your listening skills.

During my stay in Munich I got to meet many other students from, I think, more than 70 different countries. The German language course there is truly international. Through it I got to experience the city, the Bavarian culture, and improve greatly my German language skills. Additionally, I made a few close friends with which I plan to meet again soon. The BAYHOST stipend was one of the best news I got at the beginning of the summer, and I must say I was not disappointed at all. In fact it was more than what I expected. BAYHOST staff was always helpful and answered all my questions promptly. I am really grateful for the opportunity provided by them and recommend it to anyone who aims to improve his German and have an unforgettable summer experience.