

## ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT SOMMERSPRACHKURSE IN BAYERN 2017

Herkunftsland:	Montenegro
Heimathochschule:	Universität von Montenegro
Studiengang:	Elektrotechnik
Sprachkurs in Bayern:	von 03.08.2017 bis 25.08.2017
Bezeichnung des Sprachkurses:	MISU Sommersprachkurs
Kursort in Bayern:	München
Sprachkursniveau des besuchten Kurses:	B1.2

This German summer language course was one of the best opportunities I have had to improve my German language skills. I finished level B1.2 and significantly improved my speaking skills. "Sommerschule in Bayern" was one of the best experiences I have ever had and I am very grateful for this opportunity provided by the BAYHOST scholarship.

I arrived in Munich by airplane from Dubrovnik, as there was no direct flight from Montenegro on arrival day. There I took a bus (MISU airport shuttle service) that drove me directly to "Studentenstadt", where the welcome reception was held. At Studentenstadt the MISU team left directions everywhere, so it was really easy to find the reception desk. If you travel from Montenegro, you can fly directly from Podgorica to Allgäu Airport in Memmingen. From there you can take a bus that goes regularly to the Munich central station (Hauptbahnhof). It costs 17 € or 15 € if you pay online. The busses are usually coordinated with incoming flights so you won't wait much at the airport. From the central station it is really easy to reach 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 the reception, you can buy a monthly transportation pass (ticket for all means of transport: buses, subway, trains and trams) for a fee of 65 €, which is pretty cheap, considering that with this ticket you will be able to travel all over the inner part of the city. Additionally, you can buy a card for Student Mensa, where you can have very nice lunch for 4-5 €.

Of course, if you come to Munich, you must visit some of numerous biergardens, 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 am until 1pm, with 30 minutes break at 11 o'clock. The classes were great! Our teacher always encouraged us to speak by asking 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 grammar, writing and listening skills. And what is also very important, 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. Excursions to Salzburg (the birthplace of Mozart) and castle Neuschwanstein (the fairytale castle King Ludwig II. built), as well as a guided bus tour through the city of Munich, were definitely highlights of the whole course. For every activity there are German and English language tour guides. But I have to say that if you are a B1 student, 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.

The staff from BAYHOST and the rest of course organizers were always there to help us. It was easily seen how much effort and time everyone put into making the summer school reaching a level of perfection. The course itself is very international, with students from almost 60 different countries. I have met wonderful people and soon we formed an inseparable company. After the classes we used to discover the city on our own every day. Munich offers a huge range of possibilities, from technology to architecture, history and art. We were often just chilling in the famous park "Englischer Garten", sunbathing and "swimming" in the river crossing the park. Why quotation marks? You do not need to swim actually. The river flow is so strong, it literally carries you through the park. What you should do is entering the Englischer Garten at U6 station "Universität" and then just walk beside the river, up stream.

I am sure that the knowledge I acquired during these four weeks, as well as the experience I shared with such wonderful people from around the world, will help me later in my academic and professional career, as I will do my master's also in Munich. I am really grateful for this opportunity provided by BAYHOST and recommend it to anyone who aims to improve his German and have an unforgettable summer experience!