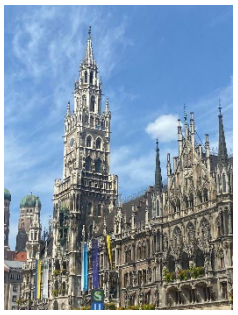
REPORT ON SUMMER COURSE IN BAVARIA 2025

County of origin:	Kosovo
Home university:	University of Primorska, Slovenia
Course in Bavaria:	from 03.08.2025 until 29.08.2025
Place of the course:	München
Course level:	B1

How it all started?



At first, I became aware of the BAYHOST scholarship last year through the email notifications for extra opportunities that I got from my university. It immediately rose an interest in me due to the fact that I had been wanting to study German for the longest time, and a German language course in Germany was definitely an opportunity that would help. Last year, I couldn't apply for it because the dates overlapped with other important events on my studies, but this year there was no overlap and I seized the opportunity to apply as soon as possible. Luckily, I was awarded the BAYHOST scholarship to attend the language course and everything else started from there.

Preparation of the stay

I really liked the fact that there were many flight connections to Munich and you could basically travel there from anywhere in Europe. Luckily, I didn't have to go through any visa application for the arrival so I only had to prepare the luggage and read a bit online on what to expect. Important things I recommend to take care of before arriving: get the Deutschland ticket online before arriving (it only costs 58 Euros and is valid for one month), bring along some kitchen utensils and an Ethernet cable to access internet at your room.

Arrival and Staying in Bavaria

I didn't uphold any expectations on the **accommodation** and it definitely surprised me for the better. In my case it was a personal room, a personal toilet and a common kitchen. Be prepared that the dorm on which you might stay may be further away from the registration place in which you have to go to first.

The **meals** in the Mensa (canteen) were **great** as well and definitely recommend adopting the eating schedule to have lunch in the Mensa and eat something light for breakfast and dinner because the course took place from 9:00 to 13:00 and the Mensa closed at 14:00. And it's affordable with the scholarship.

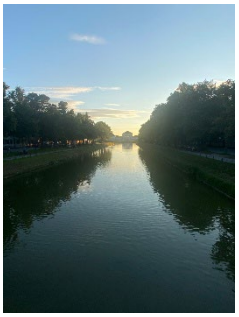
The **Deutschland** ticket is awesome, it made it possible to visit other German cities with the lines specified in the DB Navigator app. It was a bit of a slow way of travelling but the view was beautiful either way. Suggestions for travelling during the weekend: Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Salzburg (Austria) etc. Also, definitely go to the **suggested excursions**, they are great.

The German Language Course

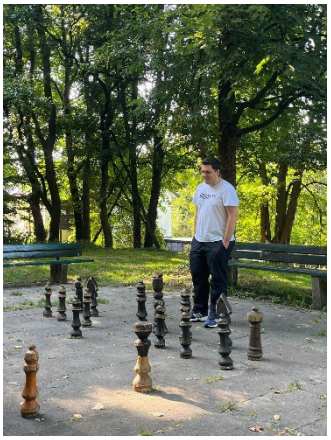
The course started out very well with an informative and welcoming meeting session of all participants. There was a nice flag parade of countries from which we came from. For some reason Kosovo was called twice and so I got up twice. By the second time, I got a humorous second round of applause and it lightened the mood. There was no one else from my country and I thought that'd be a problem, but I befriended people of all different nationalities so I never really felt alone.

I made friends right away and it was nice to have other people who were learning along with you. I saw that the group in which I was assigned to was a bit difficult for me since I had forgotten a lot of German in four years, so I went to a lower group and had a wonderful time there. Many thanks to the two professors and the **general coordinator** for their **support** throughout. Especially to the professor who taught me for three weeks and made learning German so fun and engaging. I loved that I had my own book to study from, and that we'd communicate with each other all the time and progress together. By the end, I was very satisfied with how much I had learned. If I do get into a good Ph.D. study program in Germany, I know that I have already a good arsenal for getting around with the knowledge acquired.

Cultural Experiences



A great thing about Munich is that everyone speaks English and is super friendly. I didn't run to anyone whom I asked for help and didn't help me as much as they could. I'd even have old people on the street say "Guten Morgen" to me randomly on the neighborhood a couple of times and it would cheer my day on. I liked that there's a lot of vegetarian options for eating in any place I went to, that everything was in order and clean, and that there was an opportunity to talk with people of all sorts of nationalities. Staying in libraries twice as big as my house with other students and so many books, made my afternoons delightful. By Sunset, I'd go to the Nymphenburg Palace which was close to my dorm and I'd have a wonderful time there with the beautiful view.

Conclusion

Participating in this course was definitely one of the **best experiences** in my life. I definitely recommend it to anyone wanting to learn the German language further and I for one will definitely be applying for it again next year.