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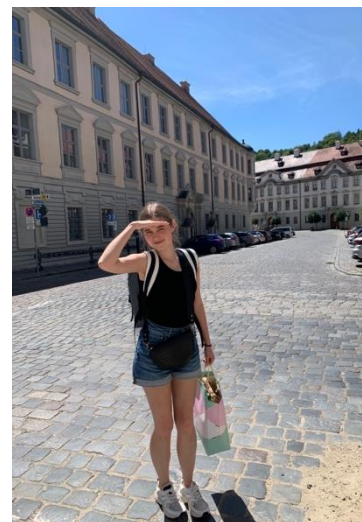
My German language Summer School journey 2022 in Eichstätt, Bavaria

If you are reading this text, then you are probably interested in spending your holidays learning German while drinking real Bavarian beer and eating Weißwurst. Or you simply want to get the credits for your university by doing something not as boring as lectures? Whatever your request may be - this program will fulfill it. Moreover, by writing this review I will try to convince you in it.

I. Practical experiences and tips:

Let's start with the short description of me: at the time of the course, I was a 19-year old student from Ukraine, who had previous experience in German (learned language at school), but after a long pause needed a fresh impulse to proceed learning. Summer schools are a brilliant option for this – they combine entertainment and studying, which is less stressful than normal university course, but still gives you a lot of knowledge for a comparatively short time.

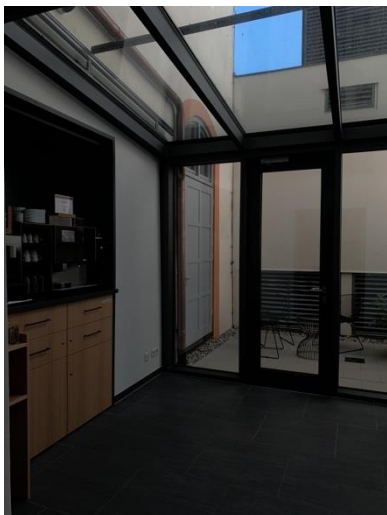
My journey from Munich to Eichstätt was smooth and comfortable – about 2 hours by train. Although being the smallest university town in Europe, Eichstätt is rich on architectural sights and unique places. And its relatively small size makes it possible not to use the public transport and save money.



After arriving in the city, I was met by student helpers, who guide you to your rooms and support you during the whole course (we could contact them with any question). My accommodation was in the *Priesterseminar*, which is a part of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and a home for priests and theology students at the same time. If you are fond of any of Paolo Sorrentino films – this place is right for you. Calm and ascetic building with high ceilings, full of paintings and sculptures in catholic theme. Everyone has a single room and own bathroom, which makes the stay especially comfortable. Special mention deserves a “winter garden” – a little coffee room on the 1st floor where we used to take coffee in the morning or chill after courses.

The stay in the *Priesterseminar* was covered by BAYHOST scholarship, which made it two times better. 😊 For personal expenses, the scholarship provided a little more than 300 euros, which was quite enough for 3 weeks of stay in Bavaria.

Most of the classes took place right in *Priesterseminar*, but last week we spent studying in the other campuses.



II. Organizational and instructional design of the course:

Before coming to school, you are asked to pass the language test to assess your level of German. Do not worry – this is only to define which group you will attend (mine was C1). I was also asked to choose what courses and workshops I wanted to take, and I ended up choosing German literature as a second course. As for workshops, I found them more useful for lower levels, but they are non-obligatory, so you are free to attend them.

The course structure, the schedule and teachers were announced at the kick-off meeting at the beginning of the course. Language lessons took part in the first part of the day, so I had free time in the afternoon, which I found very convenient. In the afternoon we usually visited Mensa (German



canteen) where we could pay with Mensa-cards we received in the very beginning. You're able to choose from vegan and non-vegan meal, and the portions are also quite large, which is pleasing.

After lunch, we normally had classes of second choice (German literature for me). Here I'd like to add a few words about the courses themselves. For the main course, we had two teachers, both native speakers, incredibly talented and interesting. They always listened to us attentively, had a very responsible approach to checking our assignments and politely corrected us when we made mistakes. For me, this is the most important thing - the avoiding of unnecessary stress. We were also asked to define the topics in which we make the most mistakes, and they made a special emphasis on them throughout the course. In general, I can say that the course has become a strong boost for my learning the language.

As for the second course, German Literature, I recommend it to anyone who likes to discuss art and books. Our teacher prepared interesting presentations, encouraged us to discussion and asked non-trivial questions. I am also grateful for the people with whom I was on this course - diverse, unusual personalities with an interesting background. The only thing I would like to add is the option to pre-select art works for discussion. However, this is more a matter of taste.

III. Cultural program and leisure:

Another significant plus for me was the diversity of the cultural program during the course. Within we had a meet-and-greet, various brunches and joint games. We also had several planned excursions to other cities including Ingolstadt and Bamberg. All of them were led by both English and German-speaking guides.

The program of the course also allows you to go on your own to explore Bavaria, which our group did by going to the amazing city of Nuremberg.



But Eichstatt itself will not leave anyone indifferent. We had a wonderful tour of the town, during which we were introduced to the administration of the town who congratulated us on the start of training.



I also cannot help mentioning the wonderful street cafes of Eichstätt with their amazingly delicious ice cream – you should definitely try it, if you come.

At the end of the course, a wonderful concert from the organizers and the presentation of official certificates awaited us. Those who wanted could apply for becoming the list with credits in advance - very useful if you want to have the course acknowledged at the place of your study.

This was my review for the German language Summer school in Bavaria. I hope that now you will want to take part in the course and experience everything above and even more!

