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Lots of students who were preparing for exchanging program were all having difficulties because of visa problem. But the main thing that I liked about DHBW was that I didn't have to prepare for my visa. The school said that they would do it after I come to Germany. Therefore, I only had to prepare the documents that the school asked. My home university asked me to finish all my documents before a month from the deadline. They overviewed all the documents and checked if I didn't include something. After overviewing, they sent the documents through fax in the office. Therefore, it was quite easy for me to check all the documents.

Before coming to Germany, DHBW sent numerous e-mails and it was quite useful. They sent the file with all the courses that I can take. I should just send the courses that I want to take, and it was done. But, the only thing that I thought it was a bit uncomfortable was that I could not check the whole syllabus for a whole semester. I only could read the general information about the course. My professor in Korea asked more information about the course, but I could not answer much. But it was still very convenient to select the courses only through the email.

I mostly liked and was satisfied with the courses that I took. However, the main thing that I was disappointed about was that I did not have many choices to pick the courses that I can listen with the actual German students. I really liked the RSP course, but I only had one choice. I think DHBW should make more English courses that international students and regular students can both listen to. But still, I was satisfied with the professors in ISP courses. Especially, the professor from case study course was perfect. He explained things that are quite difficult in a easy way.

The best thing that I liked about DHBW was the international programs. They chose the students for the buddy program who volunteered. Because they volunteered for the program, they mostly were very active and participated well to all the programs. Also, the international office supported so much money for the international programs that the students from the Germany made. For example, we did not have to pay any money for Europa park because the school supported all the money for the students. Because of these supports, lots of students could actually participate to many programs with no burden. However, DHBW should try to make more partnership with the schools from lots of different nations. Because there were only 7 nations and 15 of them were Koreans and 10 of them were from Mexico. If there were more nations, I think I could have learned more things about different cultures.

I think that it was a very good choice to choose Germany for staying abroad. This is because firstly, products in supermarkets are super cheap. I really did not worry about the money when I was buying things in supermarkets. I could buy things as much as I want to cook. So it was very convenient for me to make lots of foods by myself. Secondly, I loved Wasen. I had so much fun there experiencing my first time in beer festival. One of the mentors from DHBW organized a visit to Wasen with all the students from international programs, so we could go there and have fun together. The last point that I liked about the Germany was the location. Because Germany is in the middle of Europe, so I could visit all the countries that I want to go very easily. All the flights, buses and trains were quite cheap.

Actually, I did not go to any events that were run by *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM*. But I think most of the students did not participate to the programs because all the international students who got the scholarship in DHBW did not go to any programs. I wanted to, but all the gatherings were on Monday, so I could not go because of the class. I would have participated to the programs if they explained more about the programs. I could not know what they are planning for the programs, who is coming and etc about all the details.

I went to lots of different trips in Europe while I was staying in Stuttgart. The best city that I visited was Berlin and London. I went to Berlin on September with my friend. There are lots of hostels in Berlin, so the price is quite cheaper than other cities. I used HOSTELWORLD application to compare the price, location and amenities. I usually chose the hostels which had parties downstairs at night because I really wanted to make lots of friends from foreign countries. Lots of students from DHBW international program did not make a visit to Berlin because it's quite far away from Stuttgart. However, I highly recommend to visit Berlin. Also, I loved London so I went there 3 times. I was in London with many friends. So I used Airbnb application. It's much cheaper to use Airbnb if I'm going somewhere with more than 3 friends. I loved London because of the atmosphere, because they used English and because I could watch lots of musicals with low fair. Because I mostly made some foods for myself in Airbnb so I did not have to spend so much money in London.

It was the happiest moment in my life to live abroad in Germany. I had so much fun with all different kind of friend from so many countries. I could visit so many countries very easily when I was in Europe. I could make numerous experiences while meeting so many people, listening to the lectures that were quite different from Korea and going abroad. But the thing that I want to say is about my dorm. The dormitory system was completely random, so I could not choose which dorm that I want to go and which room that I want to stay. I think they should change the system for students to choose the dorm by themselves.