

ERFAHRUNGSBERICHT STUDIENERFAHRUNGEN IN BAYERN

[Report on study experiences in Bavaria]

Herkunftsland [county of origin]:	Russian Federation
Studium in Bayern [program in Bavaria]:	von [from] 01.10.2017 bis [until]31.01.2021
Hochschule in Bayern [university in Bavaria]:	FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
Studienfach [subject of study]:	Development Economics and International Studies
Abschluss [degree]:	Master

I. Praktische Erfahrungen und Tipps [Practical experiences and tips]

I was very lucky with accommodation and all the administrative procedures; they went smooth and easy. University international office was a great help for me. I recommend contacting University and ask for the help with the accommodation. They treat international students especially careful, as they understand how difficult is to find an accommodation in a foreign country. Do not hesitate to ask your coordinator. Maybe you find some people from your studies already before your travels, they can also give a great help in preparations.

I recommend searching for tickets thoroughly, maybe it's easier to come to a smaller city like Nuremberg rather than Munich or Frankfurt. Check before how to get to the place and save everything offline.

My experience was remarkable with everything, including accommodation, transportation, and free time activities. Erlangen and FAU are a wonderful places for international students! Tipps: again, do not hesitate to ask people around, everyone usually is very friendly. Try to visit all the suggested orientation events, not just for the info but also for the networking. Register for the sport courses, go out to the parties, do not sit in your room, and live up your life. Calculate, that for the first time you will need some extra money to buy bedding, utensil etc. and that scholarship might delay.

II. Akademische Erfahrungen und Weiterqualifikation [Academic experiences and further qualifications]

The study process and program were challenging in the beginning, especially because of not being acquainted with the German university system. But in general, I enjoyed it very much and apart from main curriculum I participated in special seminars for entrepreneurship, that I also liked so much!

Tipps: as an international student, you might be not very familiar with German system of studying. Try to get to know it as quick as possible through orientation events, classmates, other international students, internet, and forums. Also, maybe consult with your study program coordinator. Libraries is a great place for studying and networking! Also, participation in additional conferences and seminars will give you some extra points.

I became a student representative on the first semester and that's why I was very involved into the department life. Our coordinator and supervisor were extremely helpful and responsive. I recommend being open to new contacts and be proactive with people and opportunities.

Our chair was offering many different subjects, focuses and different jobs and internships.

I believe that my Master in Bavaria had a huge influence on my life and my personality in a best way possible. It's not a tiny doubt that it will have an enormous positive effect on my future career and life in general. I'm planning to continue my career in the field of entrepreneurship and sustainable economy.