

PERSONAL REPORT

I applied for the exchange programs at Reutlingen University in Germany and the Xi'an Polytechnic University in China. Then I successfully passed the exam and got the chance to study in Germany. XPU taught me some precautions before I study abroad: Chinese and Western cultural differences, safety and so on. Reutlingen International Office also gave me some useful guidance during preparation.

The application is an exchange program of Reutlingen University: International Program, Winter Semester 2017 Program. The program started on 25.09.2017 and will end before Christmas on 21.12.2017. I had to spend a week intensive German language course to deal with the language. This course started before the regular semester started. This course is also mandatory for all exchange students. Furthermore, the course includes the following items:

- Business German
- Differences between languages and cultures (International)

In this course, we had the opportunity to collect the most varied experiences on culture etc. My lectures include seminars and various programs: German as a foreign language, German within Europe (focus of the past and present) and leaning management. My study at the university involves 180 hours work (4 HPW / 60 consultations, 120 hours of own study). Each week the program covers about 40 hours. During my study, I am looking forward to the cultural differences between German and Chinese people. RIO also organised leisure time activities such as field trips to Baden-Württemberg, and organized us to visit automobile industries, such as Audi Forum Neckarsulm, BMW Welt Produktionsforum München, Opel Werk Rüsselsheim, Mercedes-Benz Pkw-Produktionswerk in Rastatt and so on. Some extracurricular offerings: Cannstatter Volksfest, several excursions in the context of the preparatory language program in September, semester reception, Thanksgiving dinner and farewell dinner.

I am currently studying Ideological and Political Education LL.M. at Xi'an Polytechnic University in China. I believe only 20% can be learned in class, while the remaining 80% needs to study extra-curricular. Do not study, I do not know where is the road, if I do not go,

I will not understand the meaning of the books. In order to deepen the perception of German culture, the Reutlingen International Office organized us to attend the Cannstatter Volksfest in Stuttgart on October 8, 2017. The lively atmosphere was not lost to München Oktoberfest, and each shed was packed. I experienced the German beer culture and a strong festive atmosphere.

I am very happy to get the chance to study in Germany. In addition to busy learning, the most important thing is to look at the world. I will recommend some places for future scholarship for a visit. South Germany has beautiful landscapes especially around the romantic road. Northern Germany is also gorgeous but it's different from the south part, such as Berlin I've been there once. So I spent the holidays to see the scenery outside, and those who are different from the past and their life. Read more, walk more. The significance of travel is not to tell others, here I have been, but a change. When I saw that different people have different habits, I realized that not everyone lives in my way. This broadens my mind and takes on more long-term vision and positive attitude toward my life. Over the past three months, what I saw and heard in Germany shook me from time to time. My pattern is also

subtly gradually expanded in the road.

I am so sure that Reutlingen University will be another milestone in my life. I have improved my German and English skills. I would like to keep the international contact. I will then use my acquired experience and knowledge as well as my acquired knowledge in Germany to write my thesis at Xi'an Polytechnic University.

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