



PERSONAL REPORT

Winter and Summer Semester

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I wish to be again on the third of September, the day that I arrived to Stuttgart. The months before were really excited for me because I went without any friends to Germany so I was a bit nervous. I took some German classes to know some basic words.

But before the arrival to Stuttgart I had to do a few of formalities, which is a slow process, and it includes the selection of the subjects. In my case, I am studying pedagogic so at the beginning in my home university only offer me subjects of pedagogic but in German but when I arrived to Stuttgart I change my subjects to the subjects of the international program because I didn't know enough German.

The first week was amazing and chaotic and the same time, because we know each other these days and at the same time we have to look for open a bank account and that type of formalities. One of the things that help you a lot to make friends is this Welcome Week because you don't have any time to spend alone because there are always some activities to do, also that we live all together in the same buildings so it helps us a lot to make parties and go together everywhere.

I arrived to Stuttgart with my family and we travelled around Stuttgart some day. These days it was really helpful for me the buddies programme, because I established a good relationship with my buddy so she was really helpful to arrive to the dorm and talk with the hausmeister.

The first month consisted on take classes of German to achieve a basic level, so it allows us to travel near Stuttgart and experienced the famous Oktoberfest in Munchen and in Stuttgart, and I have to say that it it really different of what you think it is.

After this relaxed month we start with the normal course and in my case also with an internship in the kindergarten to validate my practices in Spain and learn how germans work. The lectures were really interesting and helpful in order to understand German culture better. The courses of the International program are taken 100% in English, that's why it is a really important requirement to have at least a B2 level. And they also were so practical so it made that easy.

The weather in Stuttgart is so cold but it was better than I expect because it is not really rainy. In Stuttgart there are a lot of different universities so it is easy to see more students in the pubs. The city is surrounded of mountains so is easy to find a trip or climbing, and in the centre there are also different parks when you can sunbathing when the time is good.

The summer semester was different because I have to interrupt my Erasmus because of the Covid-19 and it was hard for me because I would like to go to the Frühlingfest, another Oktoberfest but in sprint and I would like to sunbathing in the parks, but for now it has not been possible.

This experience was amazing for me, I don't have enough words to describe it, in special the Winter Semester all of us were as a family, so i can't be more grateful because now I have pieces of my heart in different parts around the world.