

[Germany] – [HDM]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why ?

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

*Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?
No you don't need a visa if you're an EU citizen.*

2. The flight

Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket

I took the train to get there from Montpellier, even if it's 7 hours, it's still faster than the plane as there are no direct flights, and you can also bring more luggage without paying extra.

3. My luggage

Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)

If you go during the summer semester (March-July) bring warm clothes and things for the rain as it even snowed a few days in April. And then also some summer ones for June-July.

4. Bank account

Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.

I needed to open a German bank account, as the student housing don't accept any other account than a German one, even if it's a French one. I opened an account with N26, but I would do things differently and open one directly to a traditional bank, to get a 'Girocard' as they are more accepted than Mastercard or Visa there. Even to charge your laundry card you have to use these (so I had to ask friends all the time).

5. Insurance

Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?

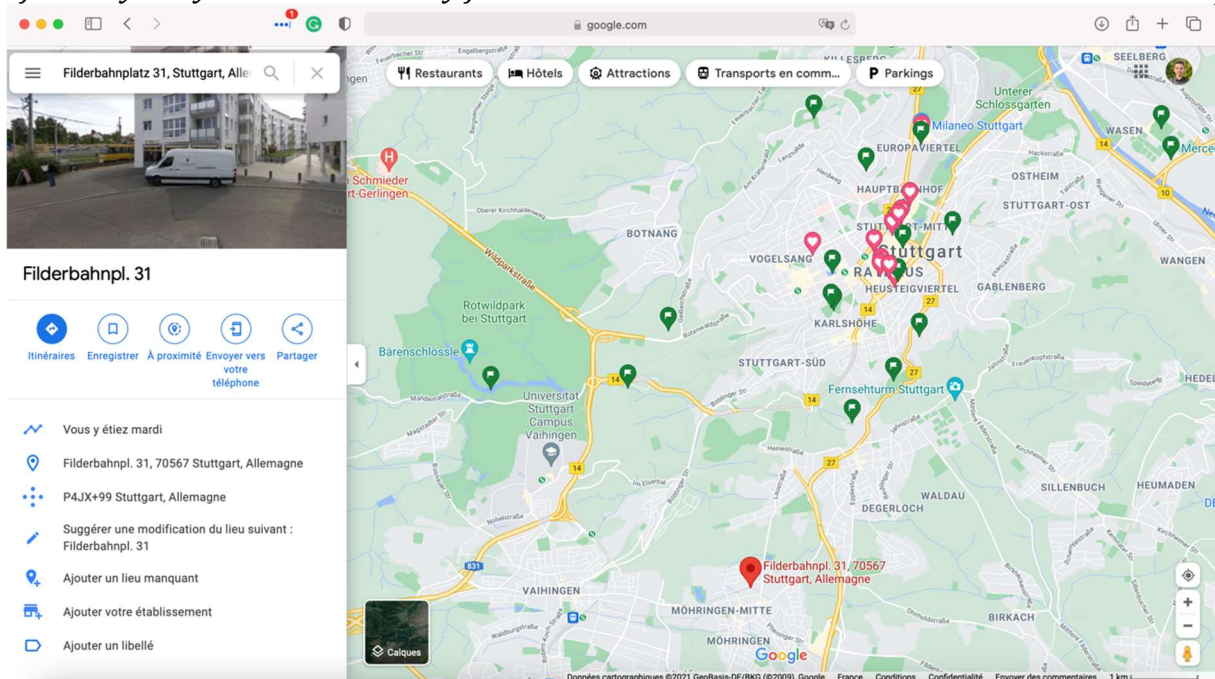
Nothing much than the one I have in France.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)

So we had one dorm assigned called Filderbahnplatz, it's a nice area (15 minutes with the U Bahn from the city center, and 25 minutes from the University. It's not my favorite area of the city but you live 100m away from the U bahn station.



2. Find a flat or a room

Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation

The university helped us to find one there, and all the international students from HdM are in this dorm which is nice to make friends.

3. Cost

Help : How much should I plan for a room?

I paid 330€ per month.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?

Just fill in the paper that the international office transfers you, and then HdM will send you some more to fill in. It's quite easy to do.

B. Information on the university

1. Courses

Help : List the different courses, and for each course, describe the format, the content, the exam, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?

Component code (if any) Référence de la composante pédagogique ⁶ (si existante)	Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue) Intitulé de la composante pédagogique dans l'établissement d'accueil (tel qu'indiqué dans le catalogue de cours ⁷)	Semester Semestre	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) to be awarded by the Receiving Institution upon successful completion Nombre de crédits ECTS (ou de crédits équivalents) ⁸ attribués par l'établissement d'accueil, après validation de la composante
337074	Multimedia Storytelling	Summer semester	5 ECTS
337087a	Multimedia Fundamentals	Summer semester	1 ECTS
337087b	Media Production	Summer semester	4 ECTS
337079a	Introduction to Online Marketing	Summer semester	2 ECTS
337079c	Cross-Media Marketing	Summer semester	3 ECTS
737062	Leadership and Management	Summer semester	5 ECTS
737077c	Introduction to International Business	Summer semester	3 ECTS
337095a	Strategic Management	Summer semester	3 ECTS
337095c	Digital Transformation	Summer semester	2 ECTS
	German language course	Summer semester	2 ECTS
			Total: 30 ECTS

I was in the Online Media Management minor, I found some classes a bit different from Moma such as the Media production one, but it was a cool and interesting class.

At Hdm you don't pick classes per classes but a minor, and this is the minor I found the closest to what you will study at Moma.

I liked every class except the Multimedia storytelling class, but it depend on your preferences.

2. Advice on "contrat d'étude"

Help : would you recommend for a student when picking its courses

It was really easy as the first contrat d'étude was the one I was doing, as it's the advantage of having a "package" of classes.

IV. When I live there

A. Safety

Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid

It's an extremely safe city, even at night in the subway I never felt unsafe, it's also really clean, which is really surprising when arriving from France. It's also in part explainable as Stuttgart is one of the richest cities in Germany.

B. Phone and Internet

Help : How to be able to call and have internet

I personally took a phone plan with 02, as because you stay a long time there your French plan towards the end might be cut out if you use a lot of data abroad. It's expensive in Germany, I paid 50€ for 120GB per month, but you have cheaper ones. For internet in the dorms, you pay 7€ per months and you have it activated in your room (they explain it when you sign up to the dorms) and I would wait to get there to buy a router as someone might have left it in the room.

C. Events

Help : How to know about the events?

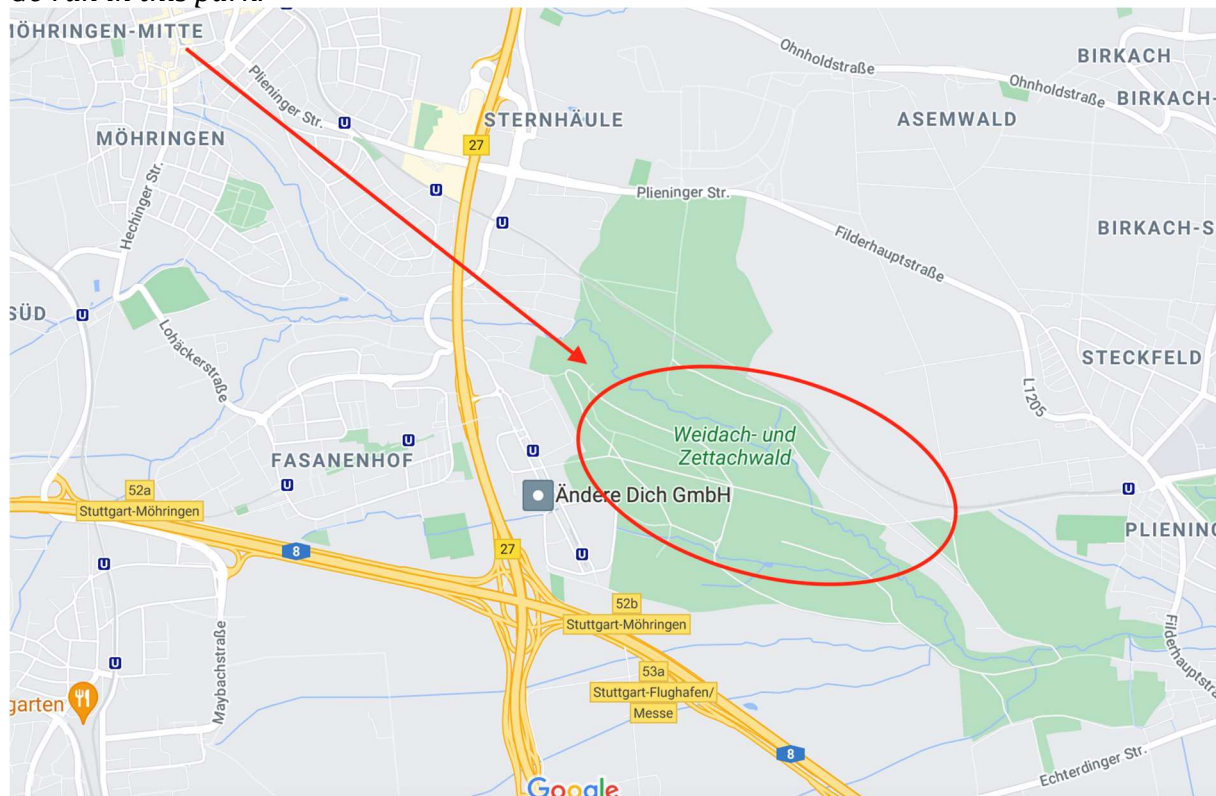
Because of strict covid regulations in Germany there was nothing officially planned by the Erasmus network. Just things between me and the friends I made there.

D. Sports

Help : What sport can I do ? and how?

I used to run a lot in the area of the dorm as it's really nice.

Go run in this park:



Otherwise go to the central park of the city with the U Bahn as it's nice.

I also went to the gym there, I went to McFit, I paid 20€ per months, and 40€ once, but do some research as there might be better ones.

E. Eating

Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. an international house buffet)

For traditional German food you have:

Carls Brauhaus
4,3 ★★★★★ 5 539 avis · €€
Restaurant allemand

Itinéraires Enregistrer À proximité Envoyer vers votre téléphone Partager


✓ Repas sur place · ✓ Vente à emporter
✓ Livraison sans contact




Stauffenbergstraße 1, 70173 Stuttgart, Allemagne

This was my go-to place in Stuttgart.

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike

 17:49 – 18:22 33 min

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À 17:50 de Möhringen Bahnhof
10 min toutes les 15 minutes

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This is the easiest way to access the university, but as I did that on a Sunday it take a little more time as during the week as the S Bahn are less often there.

G. Travels

Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend

During my semester I traveled to many places first in the Stuttgart area.

I would recommend:

- Munich it's nice (do the Olympic Park, the BMW museum, the English garden...)
- Tübingen, which is 1 hours away by regional trains, and is super nice for a day trip
- Heidelberg, also nice for a day trip, but is slightly further away
- Europa Park, I went there with German friends by car, but I believe you can also take a FlixBus there
- Berlin for a few days
- Hamburg, you can get there after your Berlin trip as it's 2 hours away from Berlin
- Zurich
- The South of Germany for a hiking weekend
- Everything in Stuttgart (museums, viewpoints, parks...)

I haven't been to a place in Germany/nearby that I would not recommend visiting.

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time

To know a little bit of German before going there, as you will have German classes, but at the beginning you might end up in a situation where the person don't speak English at all...

Also to always have cash on you, as a lot of places are cash only (compared to France it's really surprising), you might be at a restaurant and when you want to pay they are like cash only or (Girocards (German cards)) only. The same goes for bars and clubs, they are most of the time cash only.

Feel free to contact me by email if you want any tips or have questions on whatever.