

Student Testimony Jadong Kim, South Korea 2023

Due to the nature of business activities in my company which involve extensive contract management and IP licensing, I have to work a lot with lawyers both from Germany and overseas. I found many courses applicable to my work ranging from the Contract law (CISG) to IP & Antitrust Law. Although I had studied several law subjects as part of my undergraduate accounting study program in Australia, the more I work with lawyers, the more I feel that I need to put myself in the lawyers' shoes for better communication, efficiency and results. This has led me to look for summer law school program. After looking at several summer school programs, due to its well-established curriculum and faculty, I have decided to apply for the Summer Program at the University of Augsburg.

The program was definitely worthwhile to attend as it has led me to have a better understanding of international business and economic law and taught me how to think like a lawyer or judge. It was possible for me to have such learning outcomes as the program offered a wide range of courses which adopted a different learning approach (theoretical learning, practical learning like case study or mock trial, legal reasoning skills, comparative law approach).

In addition, as I live in Germany which is part of EU, it has also aroused my interests to know more EU law in the economic and political history of EU. European and WTO law has provided an opportunity to have an in-depth knowledge of EU law and EU political system.

In addition, it has been such a privilege to have an interaction with students from different countries with a different legal system. During the class, it was academically interesting to approach a legal issue both from a common law and civil law perspective. I could get to know many people from different cultural backgrounds. The people from the program became the best teammates during the program ; we stayed in the library until late together to go through what we have learned to prepare for the exam. After the course in the late evening or exam, we hung out to have fun together as well.

As I had to study and work at the same time during the program, I had no chance to participate in weekend-trips organized by the summer program team. But during the Augsburg summer festival, I had a great chance to see the whole city turning into a concert arena with people enjoying at many different music stages installed at the city center. I also enjoyed jogging in the morning along the streams (Unesco heritage water management system).

In conclusion, for me, it was definitely the best choice to come to Augsburg to attend the summer school program at the University of Augsburg. If somebody is looking for the summer law school program, without any single moment of hesitation, I would definitely recommend to attend the summer law school program at the University of Augsburg.

Why did you decide to come to Augsburg for the Summer Program?

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Why do you think it is worth participating in the Augsburg Summer Program?

The program is definitely worthwhile to attend. It has really broadened my legal knowledge and understanding. Above all, it has taught me a lot about how to think like a lawyer. In addition, as I live in Germany which is part of EU, it has also aroused my interests to know more EU law in the economic and political history of EU.

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What did you enjoy and like the most about your classes? What did you maybe not like as much or what are your suggestions to do differently?

Time has been too short. A combination of case studies, mock trials or arbitration with the course work would have been great.

What did you like about the city of Augsburg, how and where did you spend your free time?

Lots of greeneries with streams (water management system). I enjoyed jogging every morning at 6:00. Too bad that I had no time to travel as I have to work and study at the same time.

Do you have any conclusionary words about your time in Augsburg?

It was definitely the right and the best choice to come to Augsburg to attend the summer school program at the University of Augsburg.