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Studying abroad is something I am familiar with and thoroughly enjoy. During my undergraduate studies, I studied abroad in England, Spain, Peru, and Costa Rica. Also, during the summer following my first year at Pepperdine Law School, I studied abroad in England. That being said, spending this past summer in Germany and taking classes at the University of Augsburg was a wonderful and unique experience.

My appreciation for the program started upon my arrival into Augsburg. I was greeted at the train station by two of Augsburg University's law students who drove me around town, helped me find the dorm I had arranged to stay at, and dropped me off at the program's orientation dinner. During dinner, I met all the students who were participating the summer program, as well as the program's professors. To my surprise, there were international students from various countries who were participating in the program. Also, all of the professors I met were extremely friendly and interested in getting to know me as a student and individual.

In terms of my experience inside of the classroom, taking classes with such a diverse group of students (students from Prague, Russia, Germany, and America) added a unique variable to studying international law; our class discussions consisted of a wide range of perspectives in comparing each country's practice of law. Additionally, because the classes I chose to take were taught by German professors, I got to experience first-hand what it is like to learn the law through the eyes of a German law student, even in the smallest ways. For example, I began handwriting my class notes and knocking on the table at the end of each lecture along with the other German students in gratification of the professor's work.

Outside of the classroom, I was impressed by all of the activities that were organized on and off campus. Having participated in a few of these activities such as hiking to the Andechs Monastery, truly made my experience by providing opportunities for law students to bond with each other on a personal level. One of the highlights of my experience in Augsburg was when Professor Behr took his class to a local beer garden to celebrate the 4th of July.

In summary, studying abroad at the University of Augsburg is all that I hoped for and so much more. I had a positive experience inside and outside of the classroom, and would highly recommend other law students to participate in the summer program. Thank you, Andreas, for making this experience possible.

Sincerely,
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