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Why did you decide to come to Augsburg for the Summer Program? I am interested in international arbitration and international business, and I wanted to learn about legal systems outside of the US.

Why do you think it is worth participating in the Augsburg Summer Program? It's a great opportunity to learn about the legal system in the EU, and there are also classes on ethics and US corporate law that will give you a head start when you get back to your home school. In addition, living and attending a university in another country is also a wonderful experience on its own.

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? I found the lectures fascinating—the professors are knowledgeable and approachable and the material is interesting. The things that I didn't like as much are all logistics related—not having electrical outlets near all of the desks, for example. I know that one person had a hard time in lectures because his computer was running out of charge.

What did you like about the city of Augsburg, how and where did you spend your free time? Augsburg is beautiful, safe, walkable, and has a bunch of wonderful restaurants and cafes to study in (for example, there's an adorable cat café called the Katzentempel). I also appreciated the fact that historical/cultural sites like the Basilica of Saints Ulrich and Afra and the Fuggerei were so close to where I was staying.

Where did you travel to? Which destination did you enjoy the most/what can you recommend? Other than Frauchiemsee and Munich, I didn't really travel, but I enjoyed both of those outings a great deal and would recommend them.

How did you find the costs of participating in the Summer Program in terms of participation fees, accommodation, catering and travel expenses? Credits cost the same as at my home school, so not much difference there. I did have to pay for lodging for six weeks, but frankly, it was much cheaper than what I would have spent on summer vacation if I had done that instead. Groceries are also much cheaper in Augsburg than in the US.

What was the relationship like with the other participants? They were all very nice, and I enjoyed having classes with them.

Any tips for future participants? Sit in on all of the classes in the first week, even if you aren't taking them. You can change your schedule around while you are there, and you may find that something else interests you.

Take the German class and ask questions—you may think that you can simply use your phone to translate for you (and often you can!) but being able to pronounce things correctly, ask and answer simple questions and use numbers is a lifesaver.

Bring a clothesline, you almost certainly do not have a functional dryer in your lodgings. Also be prepared for extreme heat—if you can find a place with A/C, get it (but this will be nearly impossible).

Do you have any conclusionary words about your time in Augsburg? It was a great experience—I would absolutely recommend it.