

Osnabruck University Summer School Return Report

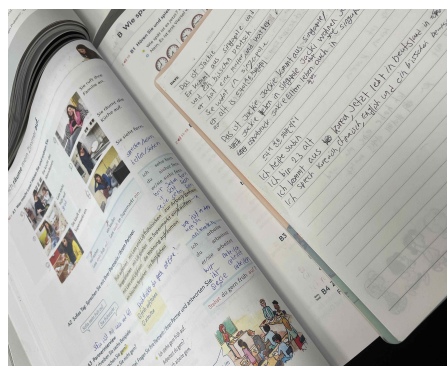
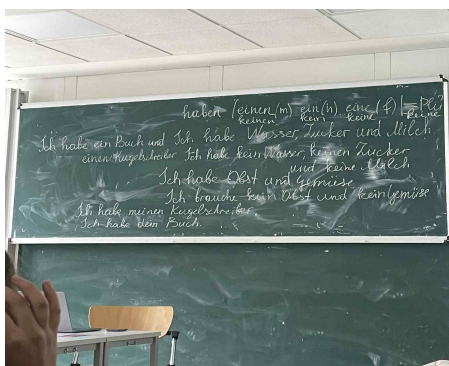
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- University: Osnabrück University
- Course: Introduction to German language and Culture: A1.1

I . In the Short-Term Program

I took the course "Introduction to German Language and Culture: A1.1" at the Osnabrück University in Germany. The class covers very basic German, such as greetings, self-introductions, and counting numbers. It lasted three weeks, and all German classes were conducted in German. Starting from no prior knowledge of German, I found it somewhat challenging to keep up with the lessons. Still, the level of difficulty was not very high, and with additional study after class I was able to understand the material. Studying German was often difficult because the language felt unfamiliar, but after three weeks I was proud to be able to speak and read basic German.

In addition to classes, the university offered an internationalization program. The program included cultural exchanges with international students, cooking and sharing dishes from our own countries, tours to local attractions, visits to regional museums, exploring German history, and trips to the North Sea and Bremen. Through this program I gained a solid understanding of the culture and history of Germany and the Osnabrück region. It also provided many opportunities to communicate with international students in English and to exchange languages and cultures. While life at school in Korea offered few chances to meet foreign friends, the internationalization program allowed me to experience diverse cultures and form friendships with international peers.



<German classes>



<internationalization program and Germany Tour>

II. What I Gained Through This Program and Travel

I am interested not only in Korean history but also in world history. Therefore, I wanted to engage in conversations with students from around the world about international society and global history. It was also my goal to visit diverse historical sites and museums in Europe. In particular, Germany plays a close role with Korea and has been very important in world history, which is why I joined the Short-Term Program in Germany. During this program I talked with students of various nationalities about history, society, and culture topics that I had long wondered about. On weekdays I studied at a German school, and on weekends I traveled across Germany to visit historical sites and museums.

After the program, I traveled to the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and other countries to visit historical sites and museums I had wanted to see. Among the places I visited, the British Museum in the UK and the Yi Jun

Memorial Hall in the Netherlands left the strongest impression. The British Museum is one of the world's three great museums, and visiting it was on my bucket list. Seeing the vast collection and excellent exhibits firsthand was profoundly impressive. I have been interested in the history of independence movements. So visiting the Yi Jun Memorial Hall that independence-history site was deeply meaningful to me. Through this Short-Term Program I learned about Germany's history and culture and broadened my horizons by traveling to neighboring countries.



<The British Museum>



<Lee Jun Memorial Hall>