

# Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter Program

Chinese Language and Culture

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## 1. Introduction

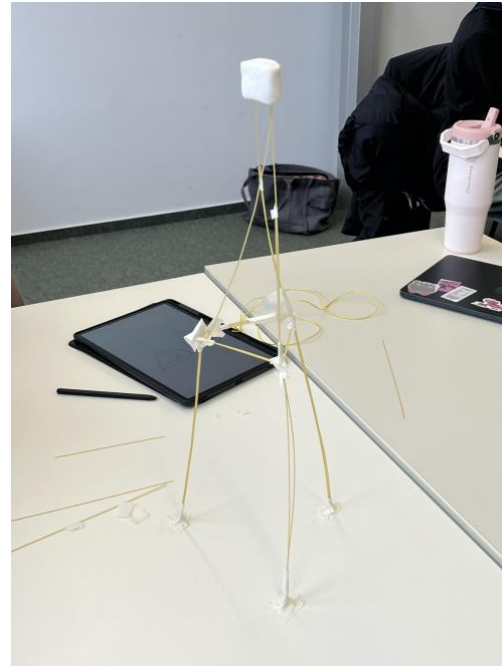
From January 5 to January 23, I participated in the FUBiS - Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter University program held in Berlin, Germany. This program provided international students with an opportunity to experience academic courses at Freie Universität Berlin while also learning about German culture and daily life.

## 2. Lectures

The course I selected was Sustainable Business: Strategy & Innovation. The lectures were conducted in English, and approximately 18 students attended the class.

Most of the course was organized around team projects, where students shared their perspectives on sustainability, business strategy, and innovation. At the end of the course, each team delivered a final presentation proposing strategies for how a selected company could become more sustainable.

In addition, the class included three field trips. Two of them involved visits to companies, where we listened to presentations and had discussions with professionals. The third trip was to a museum called Futurium, which focuses on future technologies and sustainability issues.



### 3. Accommodation

I applied for student housing, but due to a power outage in Berlin, I was unable to move into the dormitory on the scheduled date. Instead, I stayed for three days at a guesthouse near the central station. Although it was a triple room, breakfast was provided.

After that period, I was able to move into the dormitory as originally planned. I stayed in a single room, which was quite spacious. However, because of the power outage, the heating system did not function properly, and the room was cold.

The bathroom, shower facilities, and kitchen were shared with my housemates. I especially enjoyed cooking meals together with friends in the shared kitchen, which made the experience more memorable.



#### 4. Daily Life

I went to campus three times a week for classes, which usually started at 9:00 a.m. Since it took almost an hour to travel from the dormitory to the university, I had to leave around 8:00 a.m. each morning. I commuted by subway and bus.

Each class lasted for one and a half hours, and I usually had lunch at the student cafeteria, known as the Mensa. The weekly menu could be checked in advance on the website. I loaded money onto my student card, selected my meal, and paid using the card.

Classes generally ended around 3:00 p.m. Afterward, I returned to the dormitory to prepare dinner or explored Berlin with friends. During winter, the sun set early in Berlin, which limited evening activities, so I found that somewhat disappointing.

