

『長期留学・海外インターンシップ・チャレンジの奨学金』報告書

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(1) ドルトムントについて

It is located in the northwestern German province of NRW and is famous for its soccer club, Borussia Dortmund. It takes two hours from Frankfurt Airport by the ICE express train. The surrounding large cities include Cologne and Dusseldorf, and it's also close to the Netherlands.



(Borussia Dortmund Match)

(2) ドルトムント工科大学について

The school is called the 工科大学, but not only 工科学部, there are 16 faculties, including journalism, economics, and education. I was an exchange student for a year of the business and economics department. (Fakultät Wirtschaftswissenschaften)

The campus of the school is very big, and it is divided into north and south campus. There is an automatic train called H-Bahn that connects each campus. You also can take this train to the dormitory 'Am Gardenkamp'. The north campus is the main campus, and there is a main cafeteria 'Mensa' and a student restaurant called 'Food Fakultät' that sells pizza and pasta.



(Pizza in Food Fakultät)

(3) 授業について

Each exchange student is assigned a coordinator staff. You can apply for classes through this coordinator. Exchange students can take courses whatever they want regardless of their department. The winter semester is from October to February or March, and the summer semester is from April to July or August. Exchange students can take an intensive German course for a month before the start of the regular semester. I recommend taking this class because you can make many friends here before the semester. However, German intensive course is not regular class, so credit conversion is not possible at Chuo University.

I took a total of 10 classes in two semesters, most of which were about business and economics. There are also many subjects that can be recognized as 基礎教養 in other departments, so you can read the syllabus carefully and choose the class.

Basically, classes at German universities do not check attendance and the final score is announced with just one final exam. (Some classes include group work and essays, but they are not common.)

(4) 寮について

Exchange students are 100% guaranteed dormitories and are randomly assigned. There are several dormitory buildings, including Am Gardenkamp and Meitnerweg, and parties are held in turns by dormitory every day. It varies from room to room, but on average, we share the kitchen and bathroom with two or three other students. (The room is for one person.) I shared a house with Americans and had a fun time cooking each other's food and inviting other friends.



(Flat party with friends)

(5) 生活について

At first, German buddies help exchange students adapt well to Germany, so there is no need to worry even if you don't speak German. School offers semester ticket, which are very useful because they can use public transportation not only in Dortmund but also throughout the entire NRW state.

In Germany, fruits, vegetables, prices in supermarkets are cheaper than in Japan. But the price

of eating out is much higher than in Japan. So, I usually had lunch at the school cafeteria or made food with my friends at the dorm. You can buy many ingredients in Asian Market in the city center. What's really German is that beer is cheaper than water in supermarkets.

Dortmund is famous for soccer, so I strongly recommend you go to watch a soccer game at least once. On the day of the soccer game, everyone in the city walks in yellow uniforms.

In November and February, a large carnival festival will be held in Cologne, a city close to Dortmund. Everyone wears costumes and has fun. I participated in the costume with my friends and it was a really good memory.



(Cologne Carnival)

There is also an airport in Dortmund, and there are airports in Dusseldorf and Cologne, which can be reached with a Semester ticket, so it is very good to travel. Also, if you use the Flix Bus, you can travel to various countries at a cheaper price. For example, it takes three and a half hours to get to Amsterdam from Dortmund by bus. You can also take the subway to the border city of Germany and Netherlands. I traveled to so many places, the most memorable of which was watching the Champions League game in Paris, France, and summer vacation on Croatia and Valencia, Spain.



(Dubrovnik, Croatia)

I met a lot of friends from various countries over the year and had valuable experiences that I would never have again in my life. I hope everyone has a pleasant experience through the exchange student program at Chuo University. Thank you to everyone who helped me successfully finish my study abroad.