

Interview questions for international students at TH Köln

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Home university: University of Zenica

Degree program: Masters of Mechanical Engineering, Metrology

Exchange period: summer semester 2020

- 1. Please describe the reason for your stay at TH Köln (e.g. degree program, modules, topic of final thesis/project work, name of laboratory, name of supervisor etc.).**

As part of my Erasmus + exchange I studied at Automotive Engineering, Production and Logistics degree for 6 months. I spent most of my time in Laboratory for Automation Technology.

- 2. What is the name of your exchange program/scholarship?**

My exchange program was Erasmus+.

- 3. Why did you choose to spend time abroad in Germany/Cologne/at TH Köln?**

As an engineer, I have heard many times that Germany is a leader in this field, so I wanted to be part of one such system, and studying at TH Cologne was an ideal opportunity for that.

- 4. What were the most significant challenges during your stay abroad?**

Unfortunately my exchange was at the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic where the whole world had to adapt to the new situation, and so did I.

- 5. Did you experience any difficulties regarding your language skills?**

No, everything I learned was very interesting, new and different and together with the support of other students and my mentor Professor Hasan Smajic I had no problems.

- 6. Did the courses/exams/projects/working methods differ from those in your home country?**

I liked the way I worked in college with much more practice, but unfortunately I couldn't make full use of that option due to the pandemic.

- 7. What did you like most about Germany?**

Definitely the people. Everyone was friendly, kind and always ready to help.

8. What did you particularly like about TH Köln?

All the opportunities that this faculty offers to its students.

9. What did you miss most while being in Germany?

I missed the social aspect of the exchange, but, again, the pandemic is to blame.

10. Please describe a typical day during your stay at TH Köln.

I spent most of my college days in the lab where I trained at stations that are part of it. Also, I followed online lectures and performed my duties on time.

11. How does student life at your home university differ from the one in Germany?

The big difference I've noticed is that most students at your college do student jobs, while at my home college it's almost impossible.

12. Would you recommend a stay abroad in Germany/at TH Köln?

Yes, anyone who wants to improve their knowledge and has fond memories should choose TH Cologne for their exchange.

13. Would you have liked more support from TH Köln?

No, I had everything that I needed.