

Feedback Form

Personal Details	
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Age	24
Department	Product design
Number of completed semesters	8
Home University	Tongji University
Country/City	China/Shanghai
Courses at HfG	Seamless Mobility
Duration of stay at HfG	05.04.2016-15.07.2016

- 1. What formalities are required/have to be completed? (Before the departure, Enrollment at HfG, Insurance, necessary Documents etc.)**

Deregistration file for DAK

- 2. Was it hard to find an accommodation? How did you find your apartment? (Student residence or private; costs, quality, etc.)**

HfG find the residence for me so it was quite easy. The residence is cheap and comfortable to live in. Only one little disadvantage: no balcony.

- 3. What do you think about the courses offered at HfG and the supervision of the professors and teachers? Compare it to the course offer and structure at your university.**

I took one main course(Seamless Mobility) and some other art course and workshop for personal interest. The process of design is similar to the one in my home university, though we work independently instead of in a team. Because of my poor German language skills, it was challenging for me to interview with German in English, though I finally made it with the help of classmates. The professor is kind and organized several practical software workshop for us.

Our projects in Seamless Mobility were shown in Rund Gang and we got some cool feedback from other students and people attended. So after finishing design and preparing for Rund Gang, I really learned a lot!

- 4. How did you experience the introductory events/welcome week at the beginning of your studies?**

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I really like the Buddy Project. Helped me a lot when I arrive. But choosing main project in such a short time was hard for me.

5. Tell about the amount of time you needed to spend for the courses at HfG (preparation, projects, etc)?

Normally I spend 2 days for the main project per week and couple of hours for the modeling sketching class and sewing workshop. The last 2 weeks before Rund Gang, I nearly spend every day for the main project.

6. How was the cooperation with students/teachers from HfG?

Even though we finish design without teamwork, we organized the room for Rund Gang together and I'm amazed by the students' ability for arrangement. Quite effective team work. However, I am not familiar with digital tools such as Doodle and Whatsapp, I hope it did not make trouble for the teamwork.

7. Did you have difficulties by following the lessons, in regards of the teaching language, knowledge etc.?

The course was taught in English so no difficulty.

8. Did you participate in a German language course or in the sports- or cultural program?

I finished A1.1 of German in Volkshochschule and participate in the hiking group of Goethe University with its link on HfG website. Loved it!

9. What impression do you have of the studios, workshops and library?

The teacher of sewing workshop is pretty nice! I fixed my backpack and add a little function for it there. I also love to work in the library. Really suggest more open day for the book workshop!!!

10. How and what are the requirements to receive Credit Points for courses at HfG. How many Credit Points are possible to make in one semester? How much did you get?

I already finished all credits needed in my home university before this semester so I do not know how would it work.

11. Tell about the projects you realized in Offenbach and the learning effect of your exchange semester in general.

12. How does the recognition of Credit Points at your home university work?

Sorry I do not know how does it work.

13. In the frame of your exchange semester, did you work or did you do an internship? Tell more about your (working) experience you made besides your studies.

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I build new function of health app to help first aider during emergency. The outcome includes its structure and interface. A short video and prototype are shown in Rund Gang. It is my first time doing interface and animation. It is exciting!

14. Did you have the chance to present your projects in the class/in the frame of an exhibition etc.?

Yes, we present our work every week and attend Rund Gang.

15. What did you like/dislike about the city Offenbach am Main (culture, average cost of living, infrastructure etc.)?

Like: mixed culture and the river Main. I go to the river bank nearly every day!

Dislike: shops close on Sunday

16. What makes HfG so special for you?

Creative and passionate students (you can tell from the toilet)

Cool workshops and course

Kapelle and Wednesday cooking

Close to a river

Mixed culture in the city Offenbach

17. Do you have any suggestions for improvement at HfG (i.e. supervision and organization)?

More open days for the book workshop. Everybody loves it!

18. Conclusion. What was your worst and best experience?

Worst: Missed group photo for Rundgang because my phone died.

Best: Nearly everything else.