

I had the chance, thanks to the Erasmus Program, to spend 5 ½ months at the Law Faculty of the University of Würzburg. And I must admit that it was the kind of experience I would heartily recommend!

I'll start with the city, as it is the first thing you will come to see at your arrival. Würzburg is a wonderful little city with quite a bunch of nice buildings (a castle on a hill surrounded by vineyards, a big city palace with equally big gardens, a bridge over the Main with big statues on each side, etc). But it's also a quite active city, with wine festivals, Autumn and Christmas market and huge discounts on clothes prizes around the end of January. And of course, there's "partying"! Each day is Erasmus Party in a different night club (Wednesdays are Odeon day, the rest you will find out pretty quickly), and with Salsa nights 3 days a week and bars and restaurants for the rest of them, you will have more than enough. But, as there must be at least one thing wrong with the city, shops close at 6pm and they don't open at all on Sundays... yes, be sure to have something to eat then!

Now, for the serious part, German lectures ("Vorlesung") are quite different from those in Belgium, where I come from, so maybe from your homeland as well. First, students are expected to take active part in lectures. Argumentation and Case solving will be done with awfully precise statute citation (for example: article 1354, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> phrase, 1<sup>st</sup> alternative BGB (Civil Code)) from different areas of law (Family Law, Contracts Law, Liability Law, etc) and, of course, in German, (yes, German is not the easiest language on earth and, although you'll have to concentrate hard the first lectures, with a bit of good disposition, you will handle it). It sounds scary but it's not so bad if you study your materials at least once. Anyway, Professors know you are an Erasmus Student and will happily test you orally, taking that into account.

Overall, an excellent experience which I would warmly recommend. If convinced, I hope you will like Würzburg as much as I did!