



Short Exchange/Program Report

WHU- OTTO BEISHEIM SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, GERMANY
“THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IN EUROPE”
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Visa Process

I am an international student from Indian cohort. I had to apply for a Schengen visa as I have an Indian passport. This visa is “C” type visa, covers 26 countries including Germany and could be maximum of 3 months. This visa can be applied at the nearby German Consulate or nearby VFS Germany office. It takes a maximum of 15 working days for the to process the visa. For applying for this visa, you require mainly: travel document, letter of admission from the school, financial statements, cover letter, bookings for your stay and travel insurance.

Insurance

There was no insurance requirements from the university as it was a short exchange program. However, I had to buy a travel insurance which was almost mandatory for my travel to Germany.

Arrival/Airport

I didn't have any difficulties on arrival. I was given clear instructions of the pick-up point and timings of the bus from airport to college.

Academics/Teaching

PROGRAM:

The classes were usually from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The company visits and cultural activities/tours took more time on a few days. The first half of the day, i.e. morning was usually a lecture given on a specific topic followed by a lunch break. After the lunch break, second half begun with each team heading towards their respective conference/study rooms and were asked to prepare a presentation/project/group work assignment for almost one and a half hour. Then the following one and a half hour was dedicated towards presentations/discussions of the assignment. Industrial visits included banks like ECB and Commerzbank and a few local wineries. Cultural trips included Burg Eltz castle, Dinners and a local club.

CLASSROOM:

The class was mostly comprised of full time MBA students with 2 Masters students and 3 part time students. The better half of the class was from Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, USA. Students also came from Deakin university, Melbourne,

Australia; NUS, Singapore; Georgia Tech university, etc. So overall, it was a good blend of students with varied experiences.

TEACHING:

Teaching was not so different from Schulich. Teachers were quite experienced in their domain. One notable thing is that they are very punctual and particular for the timings. They included a lot of examples and group assignments were very insightful.

International Services

The course started with orientation program which included campus tour, group activities and cultural knowledge. There was a staff of two who was specially dedicated for the students of the program. They were very helping and good in detail.

Housing Arrangements

The accommodation provided was very close to the university(within 1 kms). Many options were given according to the number of flat mates preferred. All the accommodations were modern and furnished. The college gave these options well in advance and helped us getting to the locations personally. They even assisted us with arranging our beds.

Cost/Expenses

The total expenses for the whole course is as follows:

1. Air Tickets: 850 CAD
2. Housing: 570 CAD(Approx)
3. Registration Fee: 700 CAD(Approx)
4. Program Fee: Free
5. Industry Visits and Travelling as part of program: Free
6. Lunch: Free
7. Breakfast/Dinner: 200 CAD(Approx)
8. 2 week pass for travelling to nearest city(Koblenz): Free
9. Other Personal Expenses: 100 CAD
10. Meals during outings and industry visits: Free(One drink also free on some night outings and winery trips)

Total: 2420 CAD(Approx)

General Impression

Short exchange program at WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management was definitely one of the highlights of my MBA journey. The opportunity of studying Europe's business culture by their own people through a very creative and interactive way of learning was amazing and unforgettable. This also gave me an opportunity to network with fellow MBA students from other premier B-schools from all over the globe which will also help tremendously in my career. In short, this 3 credit course was one of the most knowledge gaining courses. Also, it was the most real life experiences giving course of my MBA journey.