

Personal Details	
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Age	25
Department	School of Art
Number of completed	1
Home University	Tongji University
Country/City	Shanghai, China
Courses at HfG	Seamless Mobility Papier und Bucheinband I
Duration of stay at HfG	4 Months

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

Insurance, A proof of payment, Visa, University entrance qualification

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

Thanks to the arrangement of the international office, we directly move in the apartment with normal cost. Although some appliance doesn't work like wash machine, heating installing, but the others are fine. And we bought 2 desks for working in addition. The only thing not so good is the network (wifi)

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.

The courses are good, and we have more freedom to do our projects with kind help by teachers and students.

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

hfg Kind of warm welcome, and got a lot of help from students of the international office that how to fill form. Especially for me, when I had trouble of transferring from school of art to design, the office help me a lot to fix the problem.

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

Totally it took 2 months for finishing the project at last.

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

That is the most impressive leaving to me here comparing to my home university. Teachers and students always are willing to help you when you need. Also teachers like to have a discussion with us together to fix some problem like a group not hierarchical relationship.

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

For me, it's not hard to follow lessons because we use English. Even in German lessons, classmates will kindly translate for me.

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

I took a German lesson called Papier und Bucheinband, but the teacher always try to communicate with me by gesture or simple German I can understand.

And also I took part in the soccer activity every Thursday. The boys are passionate and friendly.

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

Super. For the workshops, if you know how those machines work, you can have enough freedom to work there. And the library is amazing with a lot of good books, some of them are rarely seen in my country.

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

To get CP, you should to finish your lessons with an outcome of course.

And you can get CP as much as you want if you have time to follow all the lessons. For me, I got 10 CP in one semester here.

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

For this time, I finished my project with background of Seamless mobility, and presented in the Rundgang. It's called Front-steering system, a product system for autonomous driving for the future. During this design process, I've improved my skills of interaction design.

And also I've learned how to design and bind booklet here with two real outcomes: my portfolio and the booklet of my project mentioned above.

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

I think all CPs we get here will be added into our transcript of records of home university, which will have direct influence to our graduation of Master degree.

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.

Unfortunately I don't, but I think it matters the Hfg maybe could provide some advice or help service if students like me want have a design intern here.

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

Yes, I present my project during the Rundgang.

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

Offenbach is not big like my hometown Shanghai, but it's, I think, more fit for people to live. But someplace here is a little bit dirty; I mean the infrastructure like street furniture and road surface etc. The others are fine.

16. What makes HfG so special for you?

The atmosphere of studying, relationship among students and teachers. Here is the place for students to have a good design and art education.

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

As I mentioned, maybe the service of finding a internship is helpful to those exchangers.

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

Thanks to Mr. Dorn and Mr. Friedhart, I've done my portfolio and project booklet.

Thanks to Ms. Dagmar and Mr. Julian, I could choose course from Design College as an "art student".

All of this is the best I' ll never forget.