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Before I came to EME my engineering school located in Rennes (West of France) I originally started with Japanese language and culture studies and afterwards changed my orientation towards water management. At the time, I was already deeply interested in several areas such as environmental issues, natural resources management, renewable energies and green techs which are the fields I'd like to work on.



After these two first experiences, I wished I could be more versatile. Then, I naturally came to Industrial Environment so I could get better opportunities to diversify my studies and acquire different kinds of skills. During my first year at EME, I was asked to plan at least a semester away from my home school to the ERASMUS program. Inside a set of 30 European universities selected by my home school, I had to pick one program.

I was really curious about the Study Semester's program due to its "ecological international background" and I even had the possibility to ask for two semesters in the Study Semester's program. I also knew that compared to other nations, Germany was very advanced and quite successful in making its economy greener so I was really focused on trying my best so that my school would select me to join this program.

Since I arrived, I've been really satisfied with the lectures quality and the atmosphere that we create with other students and professors. The vibe here is always very friendly and open to deep exchanges on many different topics in class or outside. It is obvious that everybody is learning in such good conditions along in a really open-minded system.

Since we are a little number of students and feeling very comfortable here, I can see that friendship and understanding is really growing in our group of international students. We still have a lot to share studying together and having fun on the campus on our free time, I can confess that human potential is truly amazing.

We, Study Semester's international students are clearly lucky with the program's organizers who are working their best to schedule many customized excursions away from the campus to visit German industrial companies or German cities and learn more about their culture and history. I'm pretty convinced that this is a very pleasant and enlightening feature of the program that we wouldn't be able to find easily elsewhere. So definitely thumbs up for that!

And last but not least, being here on the campus is also a chance to get in touch with the concepts and the work that is being done to carry on building this "sustainable campus idea". Beyond our program boundaries, we have a bunch of opportunities to meet German students and other professionals that are teaching in our program, and we are often encouraged to take part voluntarily to many different projects if we feel like joining. My conclusion about the program is that it is a very nice package for any student who expects studying in a diverse, innovative and dynamic context.