



ERASMUS and Exchange Student Guide

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Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences

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Imprint

Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences - Good to know

Technische Hochschule Brandenburg - Gut zu wissen

In German: Technische Hochschule Brandenburg or THB

Small but smart: 3 departments with a total of 2400 students

International: 550 students from 79 countries

Global: 60 partner universities worldwide

Young: founded in 1992

Near Berlin: it takes not even an hour by train



From Casern to Campus

Von der Kaserne zum Campus

The green campus of Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences, located in the old town of Brandenburg, hosts not only the three departments, but also the library, dining hall, café, university sport facilities and hall of residence. The image of the campus is characterized by red-brick buildings constructed between 1877 and 1881 for military use. As part of a casern in former times, the main building today houses the university administration as well as the Department of Business and Management. The excellent library has been set up in former stables and what was once the officers' mess has been rebuilt into modern lecture halls. The campus has been expanded with several new facilities and the combination of historical architecture with modern, glass and yellow brickwork buildings creates a harmonious ensemble.

Our young university is a higher education institution with international flavour. With its focus on applied learning, students graduate with solid knowledge and hands-on experience and are therefore perfectly prepared to follow their professional careers.

Benefits

Vorteile

The excellent environment in this small but expanding university offers exceptional opportunities: small study groups and workshops, spacious laboratories, computer facilities as well as close personal contact with academic staff. All of these contribute to rapid and effective results. The professors at Brandenburg University work closely with public and private sector companies and institutions in the region, which are involved in research and development projects. Students participate hands-on and thus benefit in a practical way, adding value to their studies.

Language

Sprache

The main language of instruction is German, but there are also a number of courses held in English. Nevertheless, Erasmus and exchange students should have at least B2 skills to understand the courses and to pass the exams. It's highly recommended to take courses in German.

Departments

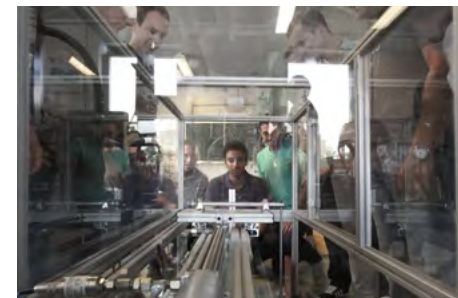
Fachbereiche

We strongly believe that science needs to cross-link disciplines and fields of research in order to stay flexible and face the challenges of tomorrow appropriately. This approach is a distinctive feature throughout all our departments.

Engineering

Mechanical Engineering (B.Eng./M.Eng.)
Engineering Sciences (B.Eng.)
Industrial Engineering (B.Eng.)
Optometry and Optical Engineering (B.Eng.)
Energy Efficiency of Technical Systems (M.Eng.)
E-Mobility (B.Eng.)

<https://englisch.th-brandenburg.de/departments/>



Computer Science and Media

Computer Science (B.Sc./M.Sc.)
Applied Computer Science (B.Sc.)
Medical Informatics (B.Sc.)
Digital Media (M.Sc.)
Online degree in Media Informatics (B.Sc./M.Sc.)
Online degree in IT-Security (B.Sc.)

<https://englisch.th-brandenburg.de/departments/>



Business and Management

Business Administration (B.Sc./M.Sc.)
Business & Information Systems Engineering (B.Sc./M.Sc.)
Security Management (M.Sc.)
Technology and Innovation Management
and Entrepreneurship (M.Sc.)

<https://englisch.th-brandenburg.de/departments/>



Exchange in 6 Steps Austausch in 6 Schritten

1. Application

Bewerbung

Students from our partner institutions may study in Brandenburg as Erasmus or exchange students for one semester or one academic year.

Applications should be made no later than June 1st for the winter semester and December 1st for the summer semester.

Please fill out the application form:

<https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/exchange-students/application/>

sign it and send it to

incomings@th-brandenburg.de

As soon as you are accepted as an Erasmus or exchange student, you will receive the admission.

2. Learning Agreement

Learning Agreement

Please select courses, which not only will be interesting for you, but will also be acknowledged by your home university. You will find information about the process, responsible persons and course catalogues at

<https://zis.th-brandenburg.de/en/exchange-students/preparation>

Term Dates

Semesterdaten

You can find an overview of term dates at:

<https://www.th-brandenburg.de/hochschule/termine-veranstaltungen/rahmentermin>

Do not forget to schedule the examination period.

One week before the new semester starts, we welcome all Erasmus and exchange students. Together we settle your organizational questions and you will get to know the city and the THB.



3. Accommodation

Unterkunft

If you would like to rent one of the furnished rooms in our hall of residence on the campus, please indicate your wish on the application form. We will inform you in good time about the next steps.

Costs:

Security deposit € 300 (refund when you leave the room clean and tidy)

Shared flat: Contract for € 280-290 / month.

Apartment: Contract for € 340 / month.

- You just have to bring your own bed linen; you can buy bedding for € 85.

4. Medical Insurance

Krankenversicherung

You will need to purchase a medical insurance which is valid in Germany.

EU / EEA students shall submit a copy of

their EHIC card.

Non-EU/EWR students need to purchase recognized statutory health insurance in Germany (currently about € 120 per month). Only with sufficient proof of your statutory health insurance can you be officially enrolled as a student. You can already register for a German statutory health insurance before you travel to Germany. If you need further support in this process, the international office will be very happy to help.

- Please purchase travel health insurance before coming to Germany.
- We recommend that you also take out liability and accident insurance.

5. Visa Visum

Non-EU exchange students need a visa to enter Germany in most cases. We will send you the required admission in good time. Please note that it is necessary to



provide proof of sufficient funds.

Foreigner's Registration Office

Ausländerbehörde

If you are a non-EU student, please bring the following documents for the Foreigner's Registration Office:

- 2 biometric passport photos
- 2 copies of identity card/passport
- Proof of health insurance for the entire length of stay
- Proof of funds (at least a monthly sum of € 861), e.g. by a letter from your parents proving that they support you financially, a copy of your Erasmus mobility scholarship (if available) or a bank statement showing that you are at least € 4,305 (summer semester: 5 months) or € 5,166 in credit.

6. Contact Us

Kontaktieren Sie uns

Let us know in good time when and where you will arrive. Your buddy student will pick you up from the airport or train station and take you to Brandenburg. Please make sure that you won't miss the introductory week at THB.

International Office

Akademisches Auslandsamt

Brandenburg University has partnerships with about 70 universities and institutions, both in Europe and overseas.



At the International Office, you get help and information. Our buddy students provide further support with all matters regarding everyday life.

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Students with special needs

Studierende mit speziellen Bedürfnissen

Please contact the International Office in good time before you arrive, so that we can organize the necessary support.

Checklist

Checkliste

- Learning Agreement
- Accommodation
- Insurance
- Visa

Please make sure that you have packed:

- 2 copies of valid health insurance
- 2 biometric passport photos (non-EU citizens)
- Proof of funds (non-EU citizens)
- Cash for the first days (about € 800)
- Network cable

We are looking forward to meeting you!



Arrival Ankunft

By Plane Mit dem Flugzeug

If you arrive at the Berlin Brandenburg Airport BER, go to the train station for Terminal 1-2 and take the Airport-Express which goes directly to Berlin Ostkreuz or Berlin Hauptbahnhof where you can change to the RE1 direction Brandenburg or Magdeburg. You can also take the RB22 to Potsdam from the BER, change train in Potsdam Park Sanssouci after about 50 minutes to the RE1 direction Brandenburg. After 20 minutes you arrive at the main station in Brandenburg.

By Train Mit dem Zug

Brandenburg an der Havel is located on the Frankfurt/Oder-Berlin-Magdeburg train line. If you arrive at Brandenburg's main station (Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof) you can take any tram to the university, just get off at the stop called Fouquéstraße/THB. You will hear an announcement and see an electronic sign.

By Car Mit dem Auto

Brandenburg is easily to reach via the A2 motorway. Take the exit to Brandenburg (No. 78). After about 8 km, you will reach

the town. Stay on the main road. After passing the bridge, take the third right turn.

the Residents' Office or opening a bank account, and you will get access to the computer facilities.

Introductory Week Einführungswoche

Coming to a new country and university is always a challenge! To make things easier for you, you are required to attend the introductory week we offer one week before the lectures start.

During these first few days, you will get to know the other exchange students, meet your buddy students and receive important information about your academic stay. We also take care of some formalities such as the registration with

Academic Information

Informationen zum Studium

Study Courses

Studiengänge

Courses are usually taught in German, so you should have at least B2 skills to understand the courses. Some modules, especially in the Departments of Business and Management and Informatics and Media, are also taught in English. It does not require a specific level, but B2 skills would be helpful to understand the modules and pass the exams.

For further information, please go to: <https://informatik.th-brandenburg.de/Stundenplan/Plan.htm>

You can decide upon your timetable during the introductory week.

Teaching and Studying Methods

Lehr- und Studienmethoden

Courses at Brandenburg University can be lectures, seminars and lab work. Exchange students are usually integrated into normal lectures, so you will have the chance to get in contact with your German fellow students. However, there are a few special offers exclusively for exchange students, such as „Profiling Germany“ or „History of the city of Brandenburg“. Some professors still prefer the format of a classic lecture. But many professors encourage a lively interaction

and discussion between lecturer and students. So apart from taking notes don't be shy to ask questions or give an opinion or comment! There is also a lot of teamwork where groups of students work on a common project. Very often such projects are the basis of a final grade in this course. So active contribution is highly appreciated by the (German) group members and might be a chance to make friends as well. A single lecture usually takes 90 minutes, sometimes 180 minutes with a break. While attendance may not be compulsory in most courses, it is highly valued by the lecturers. Of course, you can always ask your lecturer for an individual consultation.



German Language Courses

Deutschkurse

Brandenburg University offers courses in German as a foreign language aimed at improving the language skills of all international students. You will improve your communication skills, learn German grammar and get to know plenty of exciting new words. Last but not least you'll have the chance to meet new people, so don't hesitate to get involved.

History of the City of Brandenburg

Geschichte der Stadt Brandenburg

Learning about Brandenburg's history is something you will be sure to enjoy. Usually organized each semester, the course offers you the chance to get to know the history of the town, its traditions and culture better by visiting some of the town's places of interest and museums. So you can visit the oldest church in the state of Brandenburg or enjoy a canoeing tour.



European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) offers a quantitative description of studying achievements. In all of Europe, students can usually achieve 30 per semester. ECTS credits are value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires including lectures, practical work, seminars, private study – in the library or at home – and examinations or other assessment activities. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all stipulated examinations have been successfully taken.

Apart from ECTS credits local grades will be given. These are based on the results of exams or coursework. Some modules however are only assessed by “pass” or “fail”.

German University Grading System Deutsches Hochschulnotensystem

Grade	Text	Explanation	Declaration
1 (1.0-1.5)	sehr gut excellent	outstanding achievement	pass
2 (1.6-2.5)	gut good	achievement exceeds average requirements considerably	pass
3 (2.6-3.5)	befriedigend satisfactory	achievement fulfils average requirements	pass
4 (3.6-4.0)	ausreichend sufficient	achievement fulfils requirements despite flaws	pass
5	nicht ausreichend unsatisfactory	achievement does not fulfil requirements due to major flaws	fail

Facilities and Services Einrichtungen und Dienstleistungen

E-Mail and Internet Access

E-Mail und Internetzugang

Brandenburg University provides its students with a personal e-mail address. You'll receive it shortly after enrolment at the university and so you'll always be informed about all the events organized by the university. Of course, you can use the computer labs at the university to check your e-mails or surf the Internet. We also offer wireless LAN on campus and LAN in the halls of residence.



Accommodation

Unterkunft

The Studentenwerk Potsdam (Student Services) is responsible for student lodging in the university's hall of residence. A room is reserved for each Erasmus and exchange student. In addition, we offer assistance to find private accommodation, but most exchange students like staying in the hall of residence because it offers many advantages such as:

- a single room for € 230-240
- or a single apartment for € 290
- a large party room which can be used at any time for celebrating different events like birthday parties or traditional dinners
- nearby supermarkets including Netto (10 min. walk) and Rewe (10 min. walk)
- and of course the most important fact: the hall of residence is situated on the campus, meaning you practically step out of the door into university.



University Library

Hochschulbibliothek

The university library offers more than 80,000 volumes, 5,000 electronic books, several databases and more than 100 subscription periodicals, daily and weekly newspapers. With its workstations and well-equipped group workrooms, which are the perfect environment for focused learning, the library will surely become a key partner for accessing information necessary to complete your studies successfully.

Use the online catalogue (OPAC) to find more information on the books available. The librarians are always at your disposal and are helpful in answering all of your questions. In addition, the service "Rent a librarian" is on offer for scientific search.

Dining Hall and Cafeteria

Mensa und Cafeteria

The Studentenwerk Potsdam (Student Services) does not only take care of the halls of residence, but also of the dining hall by providing wholesome, tasty food. You can have lunch from Monday to Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are at least four different set menus including vegan/vegetarian dishes and a soup offered each mealtime for € 1.70 to € 2.70. A salad bar with fresh vegetables and salads is also at your disposal. The university cafeteria, located in the same building, has around 50 seats for students who like to enjoy a delicious breakfast, tasty sandwiches, a piece of cake, hot coffee or who just decide to spend their break in the sun enjoying a soft drink. You can take advantage of the university cafeteria from Monday to Thursday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., on Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuck in!

Semester Ticket

Semesterticket

Your student ID card, called CampusCard, is also your ticket for public transport. Brandenburg University's semester ticket is a cost-effective travel card valid throughout the entire semester, which is included in the administration fee. You can use the entire public transport network (regional trains, buses, underground, tram) in Berlin and Brandenburg (VBB) as well as regional trains to Magdeburg. What about a trip to Berlin or Potsdam? The journey will only take you 20 minutes to Potsdam or 40 minutes to the center of Berlin. Find out more about train and bus connections at www.bahn.de or www.vbb.de.



University Sports

Hochschulsport

The student union at the university, AStA, offers a wide-ranging sports program to all students. Whether you like bouldering, playing football or practicing Capoeira, actively taking part in sports will help you ease the stress of your studies, and you'll have fun as well as meet interesting people.

The following sports courses are currently on offer:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Football
- Table tennis
- Water sports
- Badminton
- Bouldering
- Running
- Capoeira

If you have any other particular sports interests, don't hesitate to contact us or astasport@th-brandenburg.de. We also advise on sports associations as well as fitness studios and yoga classes in the town.

Student Parliament and Student Union

StuPa und AStA

If you need assistance or just good advice, you can always contact representatives of the StuPa (student parliament) and AStA (student union). In fact, StuPa is the most important board, which makes decisions in connection with students' interests. It not only represents students but also administers funding

which is part of the university students' budget. The students elect the StuPa once a year.

If we compare Brandenburg University with Germany, StuPa would be the University's Federal Parliament. AStA is the executive committee of StuPa. Among its tasks are

- to provide financial controlling support
- to improve the transparency of university policies for students and to ensure responsibility is taken for them
- to address students' social concerns
- to inform the students about events organized by the university
- to arrange parties and concerts
- to organize sporting events and support sports groups.

The AStA office is located on the ground floor of the Mensa building. For

more information see <https://stuve.th-brandenburg.de/> or contact <https://stuve.th-brandenburg.de/wichtig/kontakt/>

IQ - The Students' Club

IQ - Studentenkeller

IQ is located in the basement of the main building and there's a party every weekend. You can hear music rich in styles and rhythms from techno to chart music and have a drink or two. Special events such as the AStA basement quiz and more are held at IQ, including private parties organized by the students themselves. If you want to party with other students, don't hesitate to contact iq@th-brandenburg.de.



Living in Brandenburg an der Havel

Leben in Brandenburg an der Havel

LIVING COSTS

a visit to the cinema

€ 10 - 12

beer in a pub (0.5l)

€ 3 - 5

monthly living costs

€ 700 to 800

Comparing Brandenburg to Venice might be stretching things a bit, but there is at least as much water here as there is in Venice, and the water in Brandenburg is relatively clean by comparison. The surrounding areas are perfect for sailing, rowing, swimming, hiking, cycling and picnicking with friends. Fans of the arts can visit the Brandenburger Theater, which provides a variety of performances, as well as the Kunsthalle Brennabor with its changing exhibitions. Nearby is Paulikloster, home to the federal state's Archaeology Museum (Landesmuseum). Once a year Brandenburg hosts the Swingin' Brandenburg jazz festival attracting groups across Germany as well as from other European countries. During the week, life in Brandenburg is

quite relaxed. Students can get together on the campus, enjoy a coffee in the cafeteria or just lay out in the sun. Brandenburg has various cafés, beer gardens, pubs and restaurants, a cinema and a few clubs, where you can party at the weekends, dance and see concerts, so check out the last point of the weekly university newsletter you'll receive per mail. For more information, see www.stg-brandenburg.de and www.stadt-brb.de.

Life is peaceful in the sprawling park and palace grounds in Potsdam, half an hour by train. Visitors can spend days strolling through the gardens, admiring the palaces of Frederick the Great and his family. And if you're still yearning for yet more culture, you can travel to Berlin by train in just under an hour.

A City in three Parts

Eine Stadt in drei Teilen

Strictly speaking, Brandenburg is a conglomeration of three centers divided by waterways: Altstadt (old city), Neustadt (new city) and Dominsel (Cathedral Island). Take a stroll through the inviting alleys in the center of town and you will find traces of history everywhere. You gain an impression of the city walking past the small garden allotments in the town center.

In the summertime, when people tend to their flowers and relax in the sun, it's hard to believe that Brandenburg is in fact surrounded by industrial parks where steel, cars, prams, bicycles and toys were once manufactured. An industrial museum demonstrates the importance of the large-scale steel production of the past.

Leisure

Freizeit

Although it's a small town, Brandenburg offers a large variety of activities and attractions.

Water

First of all, the town is situated on the river Havel and it is surrounded by numerous lakes, like Beetzsee, Plauer See and Breitlingsee, which provide beautiful scenery as well as bird and animal life. Go sailing, rent a canoe or explore the city through stand up paddling from the waterside.

If you like to swim and relax in the sun, the beach at Grillendamm in the old town of Brandenburg opposite the cathedral is easy to reach. For those who come in winter, the Marienbad aquatic center provides several swimming pools and a sauna.





History

Walking along the river Havel in the town will lead you to lots of parks and leafy space. It is of course not only the local scenery but also the buildings full of history that make visiting the town worthwhile.

On Türmetag (Tower Day) in September, the historical towers of Brandenburg will open their doors inviting visitors to climb up the medieval stairs and enjoy a great view over the city.

Culture

Apart from the numerous parks in town, there are cultural institutions such as the Brandenburg Theatre, the Sonnensegel youth art gallery, the Wredow Painting School, the Fontane Club, the Haus der Offiziere (HdO), several museums, the music school and churches, especially the cathedral, which contribute to the cultural life in Brandenburg.

Theatre

The Brandenburg Theatre offers a wide range from classical music and opera to youth theatre and stand-up comedy. Don't forget your CampusCard, student discounts are available.

Cinema

If you like going to the movies, you can go to watch the blockbusters in the Concerthaus Kino Brandenburg (tickets about € 10-12, on Tuesdays about € 2 less) or independent productions in the Cinema of the Fontane Club.

City Festivals

Brandenburg's calendar of events is filled with highlights, parties and festivals, such as

- Havelfest in June, which is the biggest festival in town
- Swingin' Brandenburg jazz festival in August
- Heimwerts Kleinkunstfestival with various artist from painters to musicians from Brandenburg in October
- Christmas Market in December
- Kneipenfest twice a year, a festival with live music in the pubs of Brandenburg in spring and autumn.

Nightlife

You don't have to leave Brandenburg at the weekend to go out, dance and have fun. First of all there is the IQ Students' Club at the THB which throws a party every weekend, then the Haus der Offiziere (HdO) just across the street, where you can party or see concerts or both every Friday and Saturday. You can also check out Fontane Club, Werft and Klubhaus Philipp Müller. On Fridays and Saturdays, the regional trains between Berlin and Brandenburg run hourly throughout the night with a small break between 2 and 5 a.m. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere of the big city's nightlife – don't forget to take your semester ticket with you!



Living Costs

Lebenshaltungskosten

Living in Brandenburg is not expensive; you will need about € 700-800 per month depending on your lifestyle.

- Dorm incl. additional costs € 280-340
- TV and Radio Broadcasting fee: € 18,36
- Internet at the dorm € 5 (€ 30/6 months)
- Semester fee including transportation ticket ca. € 42 (€ 250/6 months)
- Food about € 170
- Learning materials (books, copies, etc.) € 25
- Health insurance € 35
- Communication (telephone, internet, post) € 30
- Leisure, culture and sports € 70

The city of Brandenburg pays its students a residence bonus of € 100 each year if they take up residence in Brandenburg.

Searching for a Job

Jobsuche

For those of you financing your studies at Brandenburg University by working part-time, we recommend checking the job exchange at Studentenwerk Potsdam: www.jobvermittlung.studentenwerk-potsdam.de. You can also use the offer of our career service: <https://stellenticket.th-brandenburg.de/>

If you can't find a proper job with the help of these two institutions, you could always ask the responsible AStA representatives or just have a look at the job offers pinned up on the notice boards in the University's main building. You can also check out job offers in local newspapers or have a look at the BRAWO, a newspaper, which is distributed free of charge every Wednesday and Sunday. The Berliner Morgenpost newspaper is more useful for those who prefer to work in Berlin. In any case, the chances of finding a part-time job are good.

Health Care

Medizinische Versorgung

If you get ill, you should visit a doctor. You find general practitioners, dentists and other specialists here:

<https://www.stadt-brandenburg.de/gesundheits/aerzte/>

If you need medical care outside of the usual opening hours (weekends, holidays and evening hours) visit the outpatient practice at the Municipal Clinic Brandenburg. You can find a dentist on duty here: <https://www.kzvlb.de/patienten/bereitschaftsdienst/>

In case of a serious accident or sudden serious illness, call the emergency number 112.

Public Holidays

Gesetzliche Feiertage

The federal state of Brandenburg has 10 public holidays each year. This means the shops are closed and you have a day off.

- New Year: 1st of January
- Easter: Good Friday and Easter Monday: March or April (depending on the cyclically determined full moon, which takes place after the 21st of March)
- Labor Day: 1st of May
- Ascension Day: a Thursday in May or June (40 days after Easter Sunday)
- Whit Monday: in May or June (50 days after Easter Sunday)
- Day of German Unity: 3rd of October
- Reformation Day: 31st of October
- Christmas: Christmas Day 25th of December, Boxing Day 26th of December

Keep in mind, that on 24th and 31st December, although these days are not holidays, all shops close at the latest at 2 p.m.

Impressions

Bistra from Bulgaria

While some of you may already have an impression of Brandenburg from friends or other students who have studied in Brandenburg, I would like to share some of my experiences as an exchange student at Brandenburg University with you. The town is small and quiet. The university campus is always lively and you meet many students taking a stroll, drinking coffee in the university cafeteria or lying in the sun on the green lawns of the campus. IQ has lots to offer you at the weekend: enjoy many different live DJs. If IQ isn't your thing, you can just cross the main street from the university and try out the atmosphere in HdO. HdO also offers free entry every Tuesday and Thursday evening. At the end of the week you can enjoy parties, live music and see popular young German bands. What's more, HdO also organizes salsa dance courses and shows films. More information about HdO's monthly program is available online (www.jukufa.de). We often had traditional dinners together. I enjoyed immensely the evenings spent with my friends from Mexico, China, Spain, Poland, Hungary and Turkey. You will surely also enjoy folk music and delicious exotic meals in these evenings! Brandenburg University also organizes welcome and farewell parties for the exchange students along with several activities, including canoeing and

sailing on the Havel river. The University Campus Summer Festival is held in June. The atmosphere is amazing: many young people laughing, wonderful live music, different sport activities and of course plenty of German beer and delicious food. The university organizes cultural events for the exchange students such as evenings at the cinema and theatre as well as visits to museums and exhibitions. There are more than enough museums in Brandenburg: all you need is time and good company. You will be able to visit almost all of them for free if you take part in the History of Brandenburg course. If you prefer sports, nature and fresh air, the town offers several small, inviting lakes, which are perfect in summer for swimming, picnics and sunbathing on the beach. You can also rent a motorboat or go sailing. As you can see, there is so much to do in Brandenburg that it sometimes becomes difficult to combine it with your studies. So be careful and don't forget that you are studying at a university and have a lot to learn!!

Lukasz from Poland

Hi! I am Lukasz from Poland. I would like to tell you something about the exciting adventure of a semester I had in Brandenburg an der Havel. First of all I want to emphasize that I had the enormous pleasure of meeting lots of great people here, striking up many international friendships - some of them, I hope for life, and feeling what German culture



is really like. Secondly, it is important for you to know that this was made possible by the great care taken by the people here: The International Office, the professors at the university and also our German friends. We were given the opportunity to visit many beautiful places in Germany, for example Lake Constance, as well as to learn the most obscure and interesting secrets of Brandenburg/Havel during the History of the town Brandenburg course. Thirdly, my studies at Brandenburg University were a great chance for me to improve my German skills. We had the option of taking language classes at the University of Potsdam, so we had also the pleasure to study in this beautiful, historical city and to meet lots of international students there, too. After my semester here, I am

sure that it was one of the most wonderful and enjoyable experiences in my life and it will stay with me forever!

"I have had an amazing time in Brandenburg. I have met great people who I will remember forever. I have improved my German language skills because of a good quality language course and the quietness of the city gave me enough time to finish my thesis."

Arlette from the Netherlands

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