

Auslands-Studienaufenthalt an der

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Stadt/Land: Bristol / England

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Studienrichtung an der KUNI: Visuelle Kommunikation

Meine Erfahrungen

When I came to Bower Ashton Campus the first time, I felt very confused and didn't know where to go. But everybody was very friendly and helped me to find my way. On our first week I really enjoyed having some time to get to know the other Erasmus students from countries all over the world. I really enjoyed all of the activities which were organized by UWE, especially the Cheddar, Wells and Glastonbury trip, because we saw and learned a lot of different things during this day.

On the first day of photography class I was very nervous, because I didn't know what to expect or what my tutor would be like. But there was no reason to feel like this. Everything was well organized and I felt pretty confident after a while. I really liked that there are small groups for more personal training that allows the tutors to have enough time to focus on each of us individually.

It is such a great thing, that in our photography class we had a lot of different tutors. Besides my main tutor I could also ask the others for advice and input. That allowed me to get the most out of my project and I already have more than one opinion related to my subject. We also had some lectures held by one of our tutors at a time. I found it very interesting and inspiring to get information from different fields of photography you are normally not into. It helped me to open up for other ideas and approaches and influenced my project in a very good way.

Nearly every week there was a guest talk from a photographer or photography-related area. They talked about their work, previous projects and their approaches. It is such a great thing to have the chance to get an insight from professionals into their experiences and their working life. They also gave us a lot of tips and information about how we can improve our skills and develop as a photographer. I think that is the most difficult point after university, when you get out and want to make your money and start your own business.

The professional practice helped us to fill this gap between university and the real business world. We did some presentations and looked closer to the skills we already have and those we still need to improve. During this course I had to start my own blog and of course try to fill it with posts. I wrote a proper English curriculum vita as well as a letter of application. In the end, we had to present our portfolio and we got a lot of feedback on this.

Overall my experience on being at UWE is very positive. I really liked to be confronted with new surroundings and learning situations, because I had to rethink everything and through that, I think, I grew a lot. The time in Bristol was like a turboboost for my development as a photographer and as a human being. It will help me a lot for my future carrier, because I could build up an international network with many people from all over the world. I am very happy that I made the decision to come to Bristol and will always think back to it with a lot of good memories.

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