



# Erasmus Exchange



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I am Abrar Al-Wahaibi, a masters student in electrical engineering, sharing my experience as an Erasmus student from the heart of Europe "Germany" from Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen.

It provokes the feeling of pride to represent my country, UST and family as an Erasmus student. Since the first day in Germany, I held this responsibility and promised myself to make efforts and to seize this opportunity to the fullest.

**10:10 a.m  
Sep 1**

At 10:10 a.m. on September 1, all my dreams and future visions were landing in Nuremberg before they arrived in a beautiful little city called Erlangen in preparation to move to one of the most prestigious universities in the world which is FAU, from which the well-known scientist "Ohm" graduated.

In Erlangen, people are living in a small world. You can meet people of all nationalities, who came from their countries either to study at FAU or to work for the well-known "Siemens" company. Students come to FAU because it is an optimal place to combine between theoretical and practical knowledge, since it offers courses related to different fields of study and has the tendency to grow and diversify scientific researches and provides a holistic learning environment. I tried to functionalize those circumstances in my study. The beauty of Erlangen actually lies in addition to its

picturesque nature, as it is a university city that includes people from all over the world, there are different restaurants and cuisines around the city. You can move between dorm, university, mosque, shops and restaurants in a very small range. Generally speaking, public transportation network of trains and buses spread all over Germany. Each town or village has a "Bahnhof" which is a train station from where you can commute to different cities, it literally serves as a "small airport" for the town. Inside Erlangen you can move around simply by bicycle, bicycles here are designed with carriers to carry supplies of groceries and even to carry children.

Being alone, the spiritual side was so important for me. In Erlangen there is a mosque, wherein I met Arab and Muslim students and learnt from their experiences in Germany. During my stay in Germany, I observed the underlying mechanisms that made Germany has a great economic and industrial power. In Germany, time and discipline has a great significance. This mentality and practicality played a contributing factor of their progression in all aspects of life.

This experience was a milestone in my life, It gave me the opportunity to discover myself more as well as refine and develop my potentials. It ignited the flames of ambition to go beyond the conventional borders, to acquire more knowledge and discover the world.