

Host: Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany
Faculty: SIAT /CMNS
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When doing research and preparing for my four month exchange term at Humboldt University, what I found the most difficult to figure out was confirming what visa documents I needed to have and how to set up my bank account, wifi, and sim card.

there and had her wifi set up, so I paid her 5 euros per month to share her wifi. If you are living in a dorm, you can most likely ask your neighbours to chip in on their wifi, it is the easiest solution, as setting up a router is probably something you'd want to avoid as it takes awhile to set up and is a lot pricier. In Berlin, the cost of living was much lower than Vancouver, so I was really only spending about 2530

directly into the city center. Although this might seem far, I got used to it so it really wasn't all too bad! Academic wise, for me, I was taking my electives as the school I chose did not have courses that were applicable to my program back at SFU. If you find yourself at Humboldt University though, I would highly encourage you to enroll in the "Berlin Perspectives" program, which is essentially courses that are tailored to international students. This program is different from a normal lecture as the maximum enrollment number is only thirty students, so it makes for a much more intimate and in depth learning experience where you can get to know other peer mates on a more personal level. Enrollment differs immensely at Humboldt, as you receive a "matriculation" time and day when you arrive in the beginning of the semester to register in classes and collect your bus pass. You can of course also research online which classes you are interested in. If you're looking for a diverse, multi cultural, and bustling city that is always moving, I would choose Berlin as your host city. The city is always full of activities and things to do, it is certain to have something for everyone! Being Germany's capital city, the city has an abundance of 20th century history including its Holocaust Memorial and East Side Gallery, as well as a thriving art and music scene. Biking is a popular thing to do here for the locals and is often the main mode of transportation if you live in the city, and you will regularly find locals flocking to the green parks encompassing the many canals and vintage flea markets around the city. Of course, you can't forget Octoberfest



