

In Spring 2019 I went on exchange to the Universität Mannheim in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. At this time, I was a third-year sustainable business student so I took classes at their business school. An important factor to note when considering going on exchange to Germany (or Europe in general) is that sometimes their semester dates differ to ours. At the Universität Mannheim the Spring semester goes from February to June. Classes finish in May and then exams occur from the beginning to the end of June. My first exam was June 3 and my last exam was June 17.

city is ugly by German standards) and again when you leave (because you will miss it). And I will say that this definitely held true for me. I miss my new friends and my German city terribly.

When you pack, pack for moving somewhere not for a vacation. Like I mentioned above, I had never gone through the moving process before and, as a result, I brought too many clothes and

I hope that you have an amazing time on your exchange in Mannheim just like I did. It was a wonderful experience and I grew a lot in the six months that I was away. The reason I chose to go to Mannheim was to improve my German and I accomplished that. I made many incredible friends along the way and have many happy memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Some advice to you future Mannheim exchange students: learn German, do the Winter Academy, go to the Stammtisches (the first few anyway), keep an open mind (the Germans may come across as a bit rude by Canadian standards, but they are good people), make German friends, step out of your comfort zone. Exchange is all about new experiences and discovering a different part of the world as well as a different part of yourself. I wish you the best of luck with this new adventure!

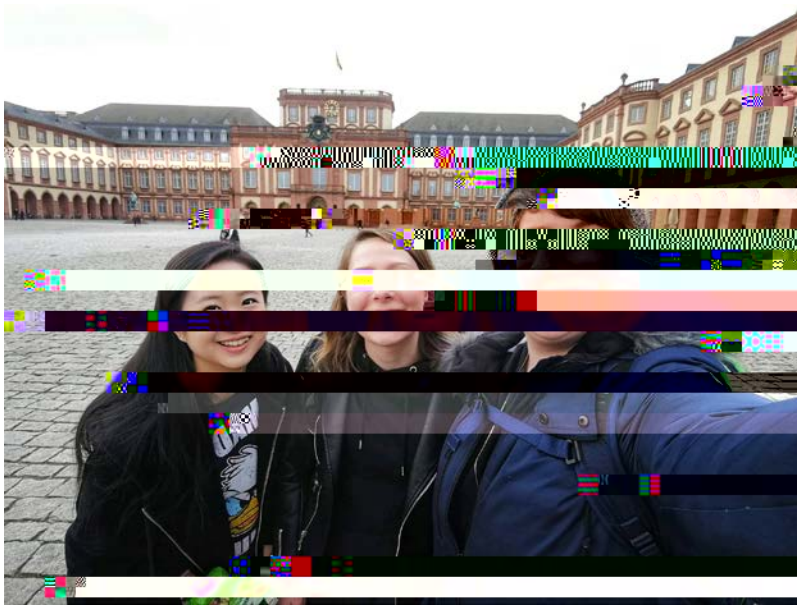


Photo 1– My Friends & I in front of the Schloss

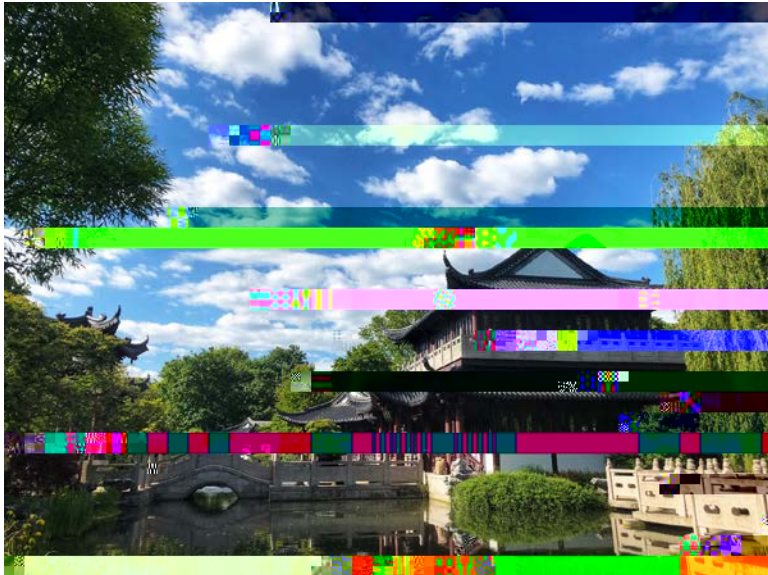


Photo 2- Mannheims Karneval



Photo 3- Spring in BadenWürttemberg

Photo 4–Day Trip to Schwerin During Easter Break in North Germany



Day 5– Beautiful Luisenpark in Mannheim