Jasper

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My time in Heidelberg was a fantastic experience overall! An excellent standard of teaching combined with the beautiful old city - and very friendly locals, students, and erasmii alike - made the exchange superb. The freedom of choice in module selections in particular was refreshing.

The opportunity to appreciate the differences in teaching - both in terms of standard, and style - was not without difficulties, since the modules tended to be more rigorous mathematically, and stretch the students more in terms of concepts, and technical ability in particular.

Thomas

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One thing I have gained from my time abroad is a steely determination to fight and keep going. Language skills is certainly the biggest gain out of the entire experience of this trip and I have without a doubt made some of the best friends of my life. Although not being a conventional erasmus student, visiting places, going to the erasmus evenings etc, I certainly think I have immersed myself deeper out here and gained more rewards for it.

If I had any advice to students coming out here it would be to go as deep as you can in the culture, try as many things that aren’t the usual erasmus events or touristic experiences.

Chloe

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My experience in Heidelberg has been excellent. It’s really helped me with my german as I now don’t think twice about speaking in german to anybody and I’ve got a much better grasp of the grammar too. It has also given me a much better awareness of the issues that Germany and continental Europe as a whole faces. I really had to learn to own my work and learn to work (very) independently. I definitely wouldn’t have experienced that style of working in York.

My advice would be just go. Many people worry about the things they would lose by leaving York. In reality you lose very little, all whilst gaining a wealth of experience, reasons to be inspired and excited and meet so many lovely people who are having an equally great time. It’s special.