



## Multicultural experience during my internship

*My work in the management team of the International Summer University of Kassel*

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This past summer I worked as an intern for the International Summer University at the University of Kassel (Universität Kassel) in Kassel, Germany. Students traveled to Kassel from across the globe to participate in summer courses while simultaneously learning the German language. For the majority of students, it was their first time interacting with German culture.



*Photo taken at final ceremony in the Kassel Rathaus.  
(Me on the far left)*

My role was to help the students participating in the program (from all over the world – Australia, China, US, Philippines, Japan, Mexico, Serbia, Korea, Paraguay) navigate Germany for the first time.

I helped them as they struggled to communicate with vendors when they needed to buy SIM cards for their phones. I was also called upon to act as liaison for a student who needed to visit a German doctor. I often operated as a translator to alleviating the stress of being so far from home and in a foreign environment.



*Group outing to a local beer garden in Kassel*

In each case, I immensely enjoyed facilitating the development of a connection between the students and the culture about which they were learning. The cultural humility students learned to demonstrate helped them turn unique cultural experiences into meaningful learning experiences, and I found this personally rewarding.

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