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My Exchange Semester in Jordan - an Intercultural Experience

My exchange semester in Jordan has been an incredible experience. After registering my courses, I was very curious about how the semester would be. When the lectures started, I knew that I had to adapt to a new style of teaching and studying.

Differences of the Jordanian System

At the beginning I had some difficulties, since the distribution of the workload was different from what I was used to from back home. All the quizzes, homework, term papers, midterms and of course the final exams needed extra effort, because I had taken eight courses. After some weeks, however, I got used to the Jordanian teaching system. I also was very comfortable with the way the marks were distributed, as the weight was not only on the grade for the final exams. During the whole semester, I always felt I was in good hands. The students were very helpful. I could address the professors with every single question I had. And the support of the International Office was great. Thank you all for that!



Getting Comfortable in Jordan

When I arrived in Jordan, I immediately felt at home. During the first three weeks in Amman, I stayed with a family I already knew from before. Going abroad is always very exciting for me, but at the same time leaving my family and friends behind was hard. Thanks to that family I had an amazing start here in Jordan. At the beginning of the semester, I moved to an apartment building where most of the GJU exchange students were living. I shared an apartment with two other students, whom I had a lot of fun with. We spent most of our leisure time with students from GJU, and got to know people from different national backgrounds living in Amman. For instance, we organized several gatherings, parties and dinners with Jordanian food in our building. We went on trips to the Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Aqaba, Jerash and to a lot of other historical and fun places. I traveled once to the South Sinai Egypt, and twice to Palestine during my stay in Amman.

Experiencing Different Cultures

One of the best parts of my stay in Jordan was the intercultural experience. It was amazing to experience a new culture, to learn new things and to broaden my horizon. Since I am studying International Business

– Intercultural Studies referring to the Arab World, this semester was an important step for my studies. Due to the current situation in the Middle East, it was not always easy to convince my family and friends that Jordan is secure, but I always felt safe.

After all, I wish this semester would never have ended. I really enjoyed every single minute of it and learned a lot for my life. Thank you all who made my stay in Jordan at GJU possible.