

## Field report – or how I experience Jordan

I wanted to live in the Middle East for a long time and was very happy to get the opportunity to realize that by spending one semester at the GJU here in Jordan.

When I had arrived in Jordan in January my first impression was that it is very cold. Although the taxi drivers took a lot of money from to drive us from the airport to the university I enjoyed being in Jordan and was excited about what would come next. The first days went by and after two week the lectures started. Thank God the International Office and many nice students helped us to register for the university since you have to talk to many people and need time to get something.

Lectures at the GJU are different to lectures at my university in Germany.

In the beginning I felt like being back at school since I was not used to attendance, homework, quizzes and more than one exam per semester. Although this limits the students in organizing themselves it is easier to pass a course since your result does not only depend on one exam.

Now I am in Jordan for nearly three months and many people on the streets are still welcoming us with „Welcome to Jordan“. That is really nice and I really appreciate that.

Nevertheless there is also another way of welcoming us in Jordan which I like much less: The taxidrivens who are blowing their horn very often to make me use their taxi.

Sometimes they even try to take you for a ride if you are sitting in front of the university obviously working and not being interest in leaving.

In the beginning of my stay I did not want to use the bus since I had heard bad things about it. But after giving it a try I realized that the rumors where incorrect and that the other passengers are very nice and polite.

Three months ago I was also a bit afraid that I will not get a good variety of food since I do not eat meat. Exactly the opposite is true – I really love Jordanian food!

After three months I have finally seen a bit of the wonderful countryside where I was hiking. I saw many different places – inside and outside the city - but I am nevertheless very excited to see and experience more.

Thank you for welcoming me to Jordan and I am really happy that I met so many nice and warm people who make my stay in Jordan even more pleasant.

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