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Reutlingen,
Germany

FRANK'S MAJOR(S): business-operations and decision technology

YEAR/TERM ABROAD: fall 2001 -fall 2002

REASON YOU CHOSE THIS PROGRAM: I wanted to get a full experience abroad, and this was the longest program I could find. I met some people who did the program, and they had great reviews about it. The opportunity to work over there and the international business school was also appealing.

FAVORITE CLASSES: German, economics and management

GREATEST CHALLENGE: Finding my internship. I had a verbal commitment from a company and two weeks before Christmas, it fell through. Then I went back in January. I didn't have a job or a place to live, but then I found something within two weeks, so it all worked out.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: How well everyone got along from different countries (Ireland, England, Italy, Spain, France, U.S.). Everyone in my class was new to Reutlingen. It was a cool situation, so it was neat how all the foreigners stuck together.

EXPERIENCES WITH CULTURE SHOCK OR REVERSE CULTURE SHOCK: Reverse culture shock—I hated driving my car everywhere when I got back. In Germany, everything I needed was within a 10-minute walk.

GOING ABROAD VS. STAYING ON CAMPUS, DISCUSS: I would never take back my decision to go. I made some really good friends there, but I'm glad I had a chance to come back a semester before graduation. To anyone who's remotely interested and even not interested, I would recommend it.

WHAT YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE GOING ABROAD: Having met and interacted daily with so many different people and with all the events that happened [9/11], I learned how everyone has their own viewpoints. You have a chance to make a difference by showing the American view, as well as understanding other viewpoints.



Frank Klensch stands on the roof of his dorm with a view of the Schwabian Alps behind him. Through this program, Klensch received a dual degree from the European School of Business and Indiana University. While in Germany, he spent two semesters taking classes and one semester and a summer as an intern.

“I had never been to Europe before so everything was new to me. You can only read so much about the culture and the country, *you just have to experience it.*”

ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS: Realize that when you're over there, you're not just acting for yourself, but for other U.S. students and your country—keep that in mind. Meet as many people as possible. Don't hang out with just Americans.