

CROESO I ABERYSTWYTH – WELCOME TO ABER!

After having studied law in Germany for three years, I wanted to gain some study and life experience abroad. I chose Aberystwyth because it offers many modules in human rights and international law, which is my focus of study, and maintains an Erasmus-cooperation with my home university in Heidelberg. I can already say it has been one of the best decisions of my life.

Aberystwyth, often simply called 'Aber', is a charming little town on the Welsh coast. Only a few minutes' walk from the town centre, the university itself is located on a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside and the sea. I arrived here in late September and instantly felt welcome. During Freshers Week, I got to know the university and town, including the seafront where my student accommodation is located. When teaching started, I was happy to find that I enjoyed the modules I had chosen, very much. The content matched exactly what I had wanted to educate myself on further, and I was being taught by excellent professionals. What I found most remarkable was that law in the UK is taught in a more practical way, with students being encouraged to discuss and defend their points of view in moot courts. I enjoyed this so much that I joined the university's Mooting Society.

I conducted research and completed a dissertation in the field of human trafficking law, in which I am planning to work after my studies. What helped me gather ideas for this was my participation as a delegate of ELSA in a UNODC conference on transnational organised crime in Vienna last October. Soon, I will begin another dissertation in human rights law that I intend to count towards my German law degree. Apart from this, I will obtain a UG Diploma in English Law from Aberystwyth upon completion of this year.

In addition to my studies, I have become involved in the student community, which I quickly felt myself a part of. Currently, I am acting as a student representative and belong to the Archery Society and the Erasmus Society. I really enjoy the socials, which are an important part of student life. I have experienced the local culture (local food, Celtic dancing) and have travelled around the UK with other international students and friends.



My year in Aber has vastly surpassed my expectations. I could not have wished for a friendlier and more supportive environment to study and live in. I am continually benefiting, both academically and personally, and have made friends for life. I would like to thank the BCCG for their generous support.

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