

**ANGABEN ZUM KENNENLERNAUFENTHALT / ABOUT YOUR GET-TO-KNOW-STAY**

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| Fakultät / Institut / Faculty / Institute:<br>Historisches Seminar - Abteilung für Osteuropäische Geschichte |                                                             |
| Anschrift / Address:<br>Domplatz 20 - 22                                                                     |                                                             |
| Zeitraum / Length of stay:<br>von / from : <u>18.10. 2015</u><br>(TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/yyyy                   | bis / until: <u>1.11. 2015</u><br>(TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/yyyy |

**Administrative Formalitäten / Administrative formalities**

1. Visum / Visa:

a) Welche Art musste beantragt werden? / Which type of visa did you have to apply for?

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| I didn't have to apply for visa. |
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b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

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| Nowhere |
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c) Wann haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / When did you apply for the visa?

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| I didn't need to. |
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2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?

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| I purchased an travel insurance from Union insurance company. |
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3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?

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| No vaccines were necessary. |
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4. Wie haben Sie Geldangelegenheiten vor Ort abgewickelt? (z.B. über Konto vor Ort, Online-Konto, Kreditkarte usw.?) / How did you manage your finances? (e.g., opened a local bank account, online banking, credit card, etc.)

I didn't open a local bank account, didn't use online banking nor my credit card.

### Information & Unterstützung / Information & Support

5. Wie erhielten Sie Informationen über Deutschland, die WWU Münster und die Kontaktperson? Waren die Informationen nützlich? / How did you get information about Germany, WWU Münster and contact person? Was the information useful?

| <i>Informationsquelle / Information source</i>                         | <i>persönlicher Nutzen / useful</i> |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                        | <i>ja / yes</i>                     | <i>nein / no</i>                 |
| WWU Münster                                                            | <input checked="" type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Heimatinrichtung / Home institution                                    | <input type="radio"/>               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Andere StudentInnen / Other students                                   | <input type="radio"/>               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Internet                                                               | <input checked="" type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify) | <input type="radio"/>               | <input type="radio"/>            |
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6. Erhielten Sie angemessene Unterstützung durch die WWU Münster vor und während Ihres Aufenthaltes? / Did you receive adequate support from WWU Münster before and during your research stay?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)

| 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                                |
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*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

The employees of WWU Graduate centre were all very nice and helpful. Before coming to Münster they helped me find an accommodation. Also the workshops, city tours and other activities they provided were very useful and interesting.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf die Zielkultur/das Zielland (beispielsweise Information zu Geschichte, Staatsform, Kultur, Verhalten, Religion etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

I'm not sure. I spent few weeks in Weimar and six weeks in Berlin before I went to Münster, also I speak German, so if I had to search for some information (which I didn't) I would just look it up, or ask a friend who works and lives in Berlin.

8. Welche Vorbereitung hinsichtlich der WWU Münster (beispielsweise Hochschulstrukturen, akademische Gepflogenheiten etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of WWU Münster (e.g., university structure, academic customs) would have been helpful?

I think that prior to coming to the WWU Münster, the WWU Münster provided all the necessary information it could. And the rest they told us at the very first meeting.

9. Wie kann das Projekt IP@WWU Ihrer Meinung nach noch weiter verbessert werden (z.B. Information, Bewerbungsverfahren)? / How could the IP@WWU project be improved (e.g., information, application procedures)?

I think that the information provided was ample and the application procedure quite easy to understand. I would like the workshops organized by the WWU Graduate centre to be a bit more practical, although I can see and understand why something like this would be difficult to implement.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studenten und Mitarbeitern der WWU Münster? / How do you consider your degree of integration with WWU Münster's students and staff?

| (1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent) |                       |                       |                       |                                  |
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| 1                                                | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                                |
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*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

I didn't meet a lot of students, but those I did were nice. The staff was always prepared to help me should I need anything and once again the schedule and program gave me a lot of time to get to know the people at the WWU Graduate Centre.

### Unterkunft & Forschungsinfrastruktur / Accommodation & research infrastructure

11. Art der Unterbringung in Münster / Type of accommodation in Münster

- ☐ durch die Universität (Studentenwohnheim o. Ä.) / university accommodation (e. g., student halls of residence)
  - ☐ private Unterkunft (z.B. mit einer Familie)/ private housing (e. g. family)
  - ☒ WG / shared apartment
  - ☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☒ WWU Münster
  - ☐ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
  - ☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
  - ☒ Internet
  - ☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft?  
How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

| (1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied ...<br>5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied) |                       |                       |                       |                                  |
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| 1                                                                                 | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                                |
| <input type="radio"/>                                                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

I was very satisfied with my accommodation. I had everything I needed, from washing machine to my own room, so I don't have any complaints.

14. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit der Infrastruktur der WWU Münster / How satisfied were you with WWU Münster's infrastructure:

|                                                                                    | (1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied ...<br>5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied) |                       |                       |                                  |                       |
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|                                                                                    | 1                                                                                 | 2                     | 3                     | 4                                | 5                     |
| Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet) /<br>Access to working space (PC, Internet) | <input type="radio"/>                                                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries                                   | <input type="radio"/>                                                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) /<br>Other (please specify)          | <input type="radio"/>                                                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
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*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

Access to internet was provided so no complaints there. I think I would suggest is to maybe offer some sort of library card so that I could use the library on my own. Fortunately the person working at my specific library was kind enough to let me use his library card.

## Akademische Qualität / Academic quality

15. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität der Betreuung durch Ihren Gastgeber-Dozenten? How do you rate the quality of your host supervisor's support?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)

|                                                                                | 1                     | 2                     | 3                                | 4                                | 5                     |
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| Zugänglichkeit zu dem/der BetreuerIn / Supervisor's accessibility              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
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*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

It is a bit difficult since my potential supervisor in Münster will not be supervising my doctoral project. But he was helpful in finding another one at the Bremen University, who has become my supervisor. The consultations he offered regarding my project were also helpful.

16. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität ... / How do you rate the quality of...

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)

|                                                                                                                               | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                                | 5                     |
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| Ihrer Forschungsarbeiten?/research activities you took?                                                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials?/study material you obtained at your host institution? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

I researched case studies and literature unavailable in my home country which was very interesting and helpful for my project.

17. Wie unterscheiden sich die Forschungsstruktur und -kultur an der WWU Münster von denen an Ihrer Heimatuniversität (bzw. in Deutschland von denen in Ihrem Heimatland)? / How do research structure and research culture at WWU Münster differ from those at your home university (or in Germany from your home country in general)?

I can't really comment on this, since my potential supervisor in Münster will not be supervising my project, so I couldn't talk to him about it. What the people from Graduate centre explained to us that there are individual and structured PhD projects in Germany, which is different from my home country, where as far as I know there are only individual PhD projects.

### Kosten / Expenses

18. Wie hoch waren die wöchentlichen Lebenshaltungskosten während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts? / What were average weekly costs during your stay abroad?

|                                                                                                                                            | €   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Unterkunft / accommodation                                                                                                                 | 230 |
| Lebensmittel / food                                                                                                                        | 50  |
| öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation                                                                                                | 7   |
| I lived close by to the University of Münster so I walked there. The only time I had to use the bus was to get from the airport to Münster |     |
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| <i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i>                                                                                              | 287 |

19. Wurden Ihre Kosten durch das Kennenlernstipendium gedeckt? / Did the get-to-know stipend cover your costs?

☒ Ja / yes
 ☐ Nein, per Woche habe ich zusätzlich \_\_\_\_\_ € ausgegeben.  
 No, I spent additionally \_\_\_\_\_ € per week.

20. Haben Sie im Vergleich zu dem, was sie in Ihrem Heimatland aufwenden, in Münster mehr ausgegeben? / Did you spend more in Münster compared to what you normally spend in your home country per week?

☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, \_\_\_\_\_ €.

21. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an der WWU Münster entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees at WWU Münster?

☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, \_\_\_\_\_ € für / for \_\_\_\_\_

(bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

## Persönliche Erfahrungen / Your personal experience

22. Was waren ihre spezifischen Ziele des Kennenleraufenthaltes? Haben Sie ihre Ziele erreicht? /  
Which specific objectives did you have for your get-to-know stay and did you achieve them?

(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)

| Ziele / Aims:                      | 1                                | 2                     | 3                     | 4                                | 5                                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| To get to know my supervisor       | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Work on my PhD project             | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Become a PhD at Münster University | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Get to know Münster                | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
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23. Wie würden Sie Ihren Kennenleraufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your get-to-know stay in general?

In general I would say that it was very good. I enjoyed all the activities organised by WWU Graduate Centre and I think the two weeks were just enough time to get to know Münster University.

24. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre beste Erfahrung / Please describe your best experience.

It is difficult to pick one experience. From the perspective of working on my PhD project I would say that studying in the library, since it is hard to find most of the books I read in Münster in Slovakia. In general I think that meeting new people and making friends in Münster was my best experience.

25. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung / Please describe your worst experience.

My worst experience was finding out that the professor in Münster will not be my supervisor.



26. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Kennenlernaufenthaltes für / *Do you consider your get-to-know stay to have been ...*

- ☐ zu kurz / too short  
☐ zu lang / too long  
☒ genau richtig / just right

*Falls zu kurz bzw. zu lang: welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht bzw. wäre ideal gewesen? / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal?*

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*Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.*

27. Welche Tipps können Sie nachfolgenden Studierenden, die ebenfalls einen Aufenthalt an der WWU planen, zu dieser Einrichtung, dieser Stadt, diesem Land etc. geben (Geheimtipps, lohnenswerte Aktivitäten, wichtige Ratschläge)? / Could you please give other students planning a stay at WWU Münster some tips about this institution, city or country (insider info, useful activities, valuable advice)?

If there is just one piece of information I would give to students planning a stay at WWU Münster it would be: just talk to people from the Graduate Centre. They will pretty much help you with anything and definitely attend their workshops and activities.