

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

Fakultät / Institut / Faculty / Institute:

Musikwissenschaft, Dept. 8

Anschrift / Address:

Philippistrasse 2b

Zeitraum / Length of stay:

von / from : **31/06/2016**
(TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy)

bis / until: **01/07/2016**
(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?

European passport

b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

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

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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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3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which 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.)

took some cash with me.

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> | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | ja / yes | nein / no |
| 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) Frau von Hees knew me from another job. She is now my co-director for the thesis project. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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)

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Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

During my research stay, I needed to contact my supervisors, either by email or phone. I had to borrow a line from a friend, and didn't have internet access, which was a bit difficult to manage. I wish we were offered temporary lines or at least limited internet consumption to make our contacts and find places on maps.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf das Zielland (bspw. 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 found Muenster a very open friendly city. I didn't really need to prepare for something in specific. I know I went through the maps many times to have an idea about the roads from where I will be staying and where I need to go but once I was there, it didn't mean much. The reality was different.
I needed to shop for some shampoo and I was happy when people showed my a Lidl not very far from my room. But this kind of information got to be asked for at the place and not in advance.
I wish I was told about the bus lines a bit more, on the internet, it's too complicated and I couldn't understand how to take a bus from a place to another. I didn't use the bicycle, it was too fast and sometimes, I witnessed almost accidents happening.

8. Welche Vorbereitung hinsichtlich der WWU Münster (bspw. 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?

Well, we should be told about the kindness and generosity of the directors, I was invited 4 times to lunch, was not given a chance to pay. That was very sweet. I am not sure if I should do something in return. Is it ok, for example, to give a present to a director? or is it considered not acceptable academically? This is a question I would like to know the answer for.

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

I had a heavy schedule and didn't participate to activities of the IP except the Italian cultural evening. I can't say much about the information offered by the project. However, I received the welcome bag which was a really nice gesture. I wish there was a map inside or a digital pad that would be returned at the end of the stay with a map to know my way around Muenster. The rest is fabulous.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studierenden 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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Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I met a fellow phd student because my co-director introduced us to each other and this is how we talked a bit about the university.
 I met researchers in musicology and researchers in the Arabic Institut and that was very interesting.
 I had already a good contact with people at the university since when I was in the enrollement procedure. I also made good contacts during my stay with new people in the staff, in the musicology department.

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)
rented a room belonging to the sports department situated in an old house turned to a research center for musicology

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)

13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft?
How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

| (1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied) | | | | |
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Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

One room with one bed, just across the musicology building, close to Lidl on the York Ring, two large tables, one of them meant to be a desk. 3 chairs. a small kitchen with all needed (kettle, dishes, cups, mugs, spoons). There was a mini-fridge and an electronic heater for minor cooking.

The bathroom was neat, a shower, sink, and rolls of toilet paper.

There was in the closet means to clean after one's stay. I was happy to do that. In the bathroom as well, there was cleaning gel and towels for this purpose. I felt really comfortable and at ease when working and preparing during my stay. I was very happy to clean around before I left the room. I don't like people cleaning after me. I paid 60 Euros for 4 nights/5days.

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; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied) | | | | |
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| Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet) / Access to working space (PC, Internet) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input 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"/> |
| <small>I didn't get an access to PC, Internet. I had my own password from the WWU since I was enrolled.</small> | | | | | |
| <small>I didn't sit in a library but passed through and was shown 2 of them.</small> | | | | | |

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

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)

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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 type="radio"/> | <input checked="" 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.

Both my supervisors did their best to be around. They had family engagements but managed despite this to invite me twice to lunch, each of them. They were wonderful. I had one seminar with each of my supervisors. two different groups, two enriching experiences.

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 received a huge PDF from the Arabic department to help my research. I received valuable information also from the many people who were present at the seminar and way to better my research.
 In the musicology seminar, I was told to follow some leads I didn't think about before, which will be most probably the solution for my manuscript quest.
 I was also told about contemporary authors in the period of my manuscript that I was not aware of and this was great.

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)?

Very simple.

In my country, there is no research culture in the universities or anywhere else.

There is no research fund offered for musicology projects. All funds go for science like (math, physics, nuclear, medicine, marine, archeology, fossil energy).

We built together with friends, an independent research center and we are publishing our work online with a print on demand option (www.nemo-online.org)

Universities were trying to shut us down and kill our projects.

Kosten / Expenses

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

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| | € |
| Unterkunft / accommodation | 60 |
| Lebensmittel / food | 100 |
| öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation | 0 |
| 5 days cost 60 | |
| I was invited 4 times but I guess 20 euros per day for a student is enough for food (lunch + snack) | |
| I walked. I believe the total would range between 160-250 (with transportation, food, rent) | |
| <i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i> | 160-250 |

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. Lagen Ihre wöchentlichen Ausgaben in Münster höher als in Ihrem Heimatland? / 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. Welche spezifischen Ziele hatte Ihr Kennenlernaufenthalt? Haben Sie sie 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 |
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| do my 2 presentations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| meet the Alea research group- CMO group | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| discover the city by foot- market day | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| find and understand the bus lines | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| eat German cuisine | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

23. Wie würden Sie Ihren Kennenlernaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your get-to-know stay in general?

It was a good stay, a bit short for work reasons.
 I have lots of impressions in my head. Made some nice photos of Muenster streets.
 Next time I will bring better walking shoes because my knees were hurting the last day.
 I fell in love with the city and can imagine myself living there or working there.

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

While I was walking the city, I found myself at the entrance of the cemetery. I went and sat there. It was still early, before 10h. The gardeners were preparing to plant flowers. Some sun, some rain still on the bench. I closed my eyes and listened to the birds. It was a moment of pure bliss. Then I started reading the stones scriptures and sent all the people buried there a thought of peace. I think I was smiling all by myself because the gardeners were asking me if all was OK. I said yes, and after around 30 minutes there, I continued my road. I want to return and sit in the cemetery. It's so far the most beautiful place in Muenster. I was at peace.

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

The first day, after my family dropped me, I went to the IP center, got my welcome bag. I was told directions for a restaurant and how to go to my room. As soon as I left the center, I had some kind of a panic attack. I had a bad cough, I felt I was going to be sick. I felt very lonely in an unknown city. I was also hungry, I somehow understood that there was a lunch with everyone on the day of my arrival but it was not the case. So after few moments, I picked up my courage and started walking. I bought lunch, ate, and felt better. Then the rain started, light. I was at ease. It was the day I walked the most. I had to find a supermarket to buy some shampoo and I knew no shortcuts. I got to my room one hour before the cultural evening. I barely sat down. I put the things I bought and went to ask about the internet connection. I departed early from my room because I wanted to be on time at the center. My feet were killing me. I didn't have the time to shower before going to the evening, I didn't want to get lost and couldn't afford to run because I was already exhausted. I had walked already almost 3 hours with complete stress. I was a complete mess. The food was great and that compensated a lot of my feeling lonely that first day.

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 oder zu lang, welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht? / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal?

one full week would have been good

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I found that the city is not that big. I like walking and I found my way around almost on the 3rd day without the map, but kept it with me, in case..
If I had a full week, I would have tried a bus day, just go and come to see the lines and connections, to the bus station, to the airport and so on. I might have tried to rent a bicycle and went to the promenade to get my skills refreshed.

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)?

The city is worth a visit. Prepare good walking shoes if you like to walk. Go to the market of Muenster.
The WWU staff are very helpful and friendly, if they can't do a thing, they will guide you to someone who can. You won't be left alone.
Have an umbrella all the time.
Don't worry about the enrollement procedure, as long as your supervisor is OK with the choices you are making and supports your decisions.
If you are going to live in Muenster, prepare to pay for the WWU insurance, it's costs.
Bicycles are great but there are some super fast drivers; prepare to be amazed and respect the lights when crossing streets. You might see some dead birds on the sidewalk, crushed by a fast cyclist.
Note all the numbers you need and addresses, you might not have internet access to check something. Try to get a detailed map with street names. Buy or borrow a phone line on arrival to Germany, it is very practical.