

Postkarte aus Berlin

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Dear AGTV

Berlin is amazing in summer - the nightlife is very distracting for students as well! Was quite hard to struggle out of bed for uni today.

I am studying this semester at Humboldt Universität Berlin on a scholarship provided by the DAAD (*Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*). They pay for flights, uni fees and insurance, and a healthy living allowance. I have a mentor at the university and it made doing an exchange really easy.

I was also here with the DAAD over January/February 2006. They paid for me to take part in a two-month "*Deutschlandkundlicher Winterkurs*" in Leipzig with 30 students from Australia, NZ, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. This included flights, accommodation, course fees, and living allowance.

I think the support given by the German government is not matched by any other European country and is definitely something to keep in mind when picking tertiary subjects. For example, the French government offers no support at all to Australian students (as far as I'm aware).



I am doing a double major in German and International Studies in my Arts/Law degree. I will be working as a lawyer in London when I graduate and the law firms there were very enthusiastic about my German skills.

So it turns out that German was not a bad language to learn after all!

Please feel free to contact me any time. I think your 'German Day Out' is a great idea!

Beste Grüsse aus Berlin,

Cameron

*"Ich hab noch einen Koffer in Berlin"* ("I still keep a suitcase in Berlin")  
(Marlene Dietrich, actress and singer born 1901 in Berlin-Schöneberg)