

EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE MITTELHESSEN

My EIEM Internship Experience at Christmann & Pfeifer Civil Engineering, Yildiz Technical University , Turkey



Hello there, I'm Berat. I am from Turkey. I am doing my Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. Also, I completed my double major in the field of architecture last year. I wanted to do my internship at EIEM and (Christmann & Pfeifer) and wanted to see and understand how things work in this sector in Germany, which is particularly successful in engineering.

Since I studied both architecture and engineering, I wanted to work in Christmann & Pfeifer, a company focusing on engineering, a position similar to the architect. In addition to having various business experiences in the past, I would like to mention that this is my first office experience. Before beginning to the internship, at the meeting held with my mentor from the company and my counselor at the university, they asked me in which department I want to work. I was guided in line with the decision.



City excursions during summer course

I can clearly say that the process at EIEM is very well planned. The whole process is very well planned to ensure the comfort of the participant. The internship process, which lasts for about 4 months, begins with an intensive German course at Gießen University for a month just before the internship at the company. This one month period does not only improve your German but also helps you adapt to the life in Germany.

During the internship, you have a counselor at both the company and the university. All kinds of support are provided by the counselors, who are genuinely friendly and helpful, for your every problem including your daily life.

What was so remarkable about this program was the fact that the industry and the university were working hand in hand. The practical experience you gain in the course of the internship becomes integrated with the theoretical support you receive from the university.

You also write a report during the internship. Your proficiency in academic work also develops thanks to the professors who guide you through this process at the university. During your internship, your consulting professor at the university visits you at the company. There are many students gaining work experience with the university education.



German course-certificate evening

It also had a very friendly working environment. Contrary to popular belief, I can say that the office workers were more like a family to me than a colleague.

After studying a new architectural design program during the internship, I prepared the architectural drawings required for getting the building permit through the static project of an industrial structure. I then turned my experiences in this process into a scientific report and made the presentation of it at the end of the internship. Prior to the internship, I was not even able to use German to manage daily situations, however, at the end, I was at a level where I could prepare and present a report using the German language.

I would like to thank the EIEM and Christmann & Pfeifer team for providing young people with German language training and internship opportunities, caring about our ideas and allowing us to gain experience.

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