

Our time abroad in Michigan

Last Fall, we spend one semester abroad in the US. We were selected as exchange students for the University of Michigan-Flint. It turned out to be an amazing experience, which still shapes us to this day. One advantage was that we were not limited to study only English. We even had the opportunity to select courses of our second subject, in our cases Biology. Additionally, we were able to transfer the credits for all of our courses here at our home university in Wuppertal. Thus, we did not lose a semester.

But we did not spend all of our time studying, of course. Michigan is a beautiful state that offers many opportunities to travel and spend time in nature. We visited amazing places, such as the Sleeping Bear Dunes and the Upper Peninsula, which is a beautiful area with lots of waterfalls, forests, and untouched nature. A highlight for German visitors is Frankenmuth, a German village, which is a splitting image of Bavaria. If you ever feel homesick, just go there to buy a delicious pretzel or simply walk along the "German Roads". Moreover, we visited breathtaking places outside of Michigan, like the Niagara Falls, Chicago, and New York City.

However, the University of Michigan-Flint itself offered us great experience as well. The Welcome Week, which starts one week before the classes, was a great opportunity to get to know many students from all over the world, with whom we are still in contact today. The University regularly offers events, parties and other get-togethers where you can meet new people and experience new things and other cultures. Especially the Recreation Center, basically a giant gym, leaves no wishes unfulfilled for all of our sport lovers. You will probably live in Riverfront, a huge student residence, where all international students live. There will be many events in Riverfront as well, such as cinema and game nights.

Furthermore, Flint, even though it is a small city, has many places to check out. The Farmers' Market, where you can buy fresh fruit, vegetables and regional specialties for cheap, and Applewood Estate, a beautiful orchard, are only two examples. Besides, there are many American restaurants near the campus, where you can taste the original American cuisine.

Last but not least, we also have to mention the Wolverines, the university's football team. One of the best college football teams in the US, which is at home in the Michigan Stadium, nicknamed the "Big House", since it is the biggest stadium in the US, and the second biggest worldwide. It is an awesome occasion to attend one of their games and experience American sports culture. Go Blue!

If you still have questions about our time abroad, feel free to contact us! We are happy to help you!

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Some impressions of our time abroad



The University of Michigan-Flint



Campus



Flint



"The Big House"



Frankenmuth



Applewood Estate



Niagara Falls



Upper Peninsula



New York



Chicago