

## **University of Michigan-Flint**

I cannot believe that almost a year has gone by since I spent a semester in the United States of America. Choosing Flint, Michigan as my destination was one of the best decisions I could have made. I spent about 4 months abroad, from the end of August 2016 until January 2017. I was there for the Fall semester 2016 which started in September and ended right before Christmas.

The University of Michigan-Flint has many interesting programs to offer for everyone. I was able to take 4 courses, which count for 12 credit points. I tried to find courses that were similar to the courses that our University in Wuppertal offers us. Herby, the courses I took there were accepted in Wuppertal. I received the credit points on my transcript of records. They offer plenty of different courses and the professors are very supportive and helpful. I really would recommend to register for the course named "taboo language". It was a very interesting course to attend, we were speaking about several languages and their "taboo language" and also comparing cultures at the same time. My professor was delighted to have a student from Germany in her class because I was able to give examples from our culture and language.

Moreover, I had the chance to meet people from all over the world. There were not only exchange students from Germany, but also from other countries like Sweden, Belgium, Saudi-Arabia and China. Because of this multiculturalism, we had to speak in English in order to communicate with each other. I have to mention that my English proficiency level has improved a little bit more, not only my writing skills, but also my speaking skills.

Furthermore, it is impressive to see how much one can learn about a totally new country and culture in such a short time. I made a few new friends in Michigan. One year after my time in America, we are all still in contact with each other. In fact one of my friends from Michigan already came to Germany to visit me, which was really exciting.

Since Michigan is very close to Canada, two fellow students from Germany and I decided to take a flight to Toronto. We thought it would be a great opportunity to visit Toronto for a few days right before our semester in Michigan starts. In this way we had the chance to see a new city, which was totally worth it. Not only did we visit Canada, but also a few other popular cities in the US like Chicago and New York. Michigan itself has a lot of beautiful places that are worth seeing. One of my personal favourites are Ann Arbor and Detroit which is the capital city of automobiles in America.

All in all, Michigan has been a wonderful experience for me. This stay gave me the opportunity to become more independent and learn more about a university living in a different country.

If you have any further questions concerning courses at the university or questions in general about the University of Michigan, feel free to contact me!

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