

# EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Germany, Spring 2013

By: Yanisa Vilairatanasuwan 5402641608



**European business school** is one of the most expensive and famous private universities in Germany. It locates in a very small town called "Oestrich-Winkel" in Rheingau, which is around 1 hour from Frankfurt. Rheingau is one of the popular German wine regions producing quality Riesling (white wine). This is an ideal place for wine lovers ☺

## How to survive in the first week?

Prior to your arrival in German, EBS will offer you a pick-up service that cost only 15 Euros per person. This is really cheap when compare to average transportation cost in Germany. If you are registered for the pick-up service, on the arrival day, EBS will send a bus to pick you up at the Frankfurt International Airport and send you directly to the flat or dorm that you have booked.



EBS international coordinator and staffs are very helpful. They will always communicate with you before and throughout your exchange semester. They will provide you with all of the helpful information and guidelines such as visa applications, bank account opening, health insurance application, courses registration, travelling tips in Germany and etc.

## How to prepare for studying?

The courses here in EBS are divided into 3 levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Beginner courses are courses for first year students, intermediate courses are for second year students, and advanced courses are very hard offer to third year students. At EBS, students need only 3 years to graduate. My advice, you should register only beginner and intermediate courses. Finance courses here are very hard; you better take them at BBA TU.



The learning style here is very interactive. The class requires a lot of participation and interaction. Presentation, case study, and essay are basic requirements of their classes. I have to admit that studying in EBS is quite challenging. Almost all of the exams are open-ended and contain lots of application of case studies learnt in class. Moreover, the timing of exam is quite short. To do well in exam, you have to show the instructor that you “understand” not “memorize” the lessons. You should give concise answers and examples are a must for a good score.



The grading system in EBS is not the same at BBA TU. Don't be too stress if the grade you will receive is quite low. When you transfer the grade back to Thailand, it will go up 1 letter grade. (If you got C in EBS, it equivalents to B in BBA TU)

## Life Style

Unlike other German students in other universities, most students drive to EBS. However, exchange students and some of the full time students usually rented a flat quite near to the university so they can go there by foot, bus, or bike. Grocery shopping in German is quite cheap. Most students cook their own lunch or dinner. However, on the days that they have class, they usually have lunch at EBS's cafeteria or “MENSA”. The food here is nice and cheap. Everyday, they offer 2-3 menus for you to choose from with a variety of salad bar 😊.



German students study hard and party hard. They usually go to the only bar in Oestrich-Winkel for relaxation. However, exchange students love to go into Wiesbaden city center, which is around 15-20 minutes by train from EBS. There are many department stores, shopping streets, restaurants, and clubs for you to spend your free time. If Wiesbaden is not big enough, you can take the train to Frankfurt, around 30 minutes by train from Wiesbaden ☺



## Activity

At EBS, there is a student council who will organize parties, events, and tour programs for you to join. There are a lot of exchange students each semester. I encourage you to take the German intensive course around 1 week before school starts. In the class, you will get to meet a lot of exchange students and get to learn basic German language skills that will be very useful in the daily life. I got to make friends with more than 20 exchange students. We took turn to cook and throw out a party at our houses. We also travelled to Munich, Bamberg, and Fussen together.



Lastly, I would like to say that I had an amazing semester abroad as an exchange student at EBS. I received quality education, met a lot of new friends, and most importantly I got to travel to many tourist destinations around Europe. This is one of the most valuable experiences I ever had and the best decision I have ever made. 😊



## Useful Tips:

**It's not easy to get a German Student Visa.** In order to get the German National Visa, you will be forced to open a bank account with Deutsche Bank and buy a German health insurance policy. It is very important to start preparing the documents for visa application early. It will take around 2-3 months to complete all of the requirements and get the National Visa. More information regarding the requirements of German National Visa visit: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/bewerbung/en/9199-visa-entry-into-the-country/>

**Find a flat early.** At EBS, there is no dormitory for business school. There are only few dormitories available in Wiesbaden City, which is around 20-30 by train and foot to the university. It's better to rent a flat close to the university. There is variety of flats for you to rent. However, there are a lot of exchange students searching for flats each semester. The early you start to find the flats, the higher chance you will get to live in a nicer place with more reasonable price. The flat here can cost around 300 to 500 Euros per person per month. Join the [Facebook group "EBS Wohnungen"](#), there are a lot of nice flats that is very close to EBS. These flats are sublet from EBS students who will go for an exchange.