



# RETOUR D'EXPÉRIENCE

## Stuttgart, Allemagne



UNIVERSITÉ DE  
MONTPELLIER

**MONTELLIER**  
**MANAGEMENT**



If I were to go back in time, I would have still chosen this destination after knowing everything that would happen! So, if you are interested in practising your German, traveling easily and cheaply around Europe, and are pursuing a career in creative industries, this is the place to be.

Stuttgart, in particular, is a great city if you like a rock & roll vibe, green areas, a central city close to all of Europe, football, and cars. Almost all of our teachers have worked with big German companies (Porsche, Bosch, Lidl, Mercedes-Benz, Hugo Boss, Deutsche Bank, etc) since Stuttgart has many of their headquarters, so I loved how all our inputs during classes were focused on real projects they did for these brands.



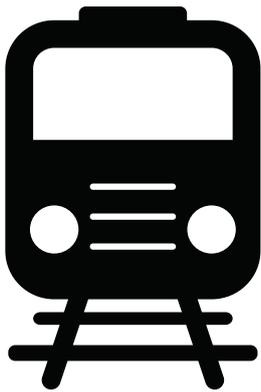
# Practical informations

**Non-European (shengen) nationals:** we are fortunate because the HdM International office will request a special permit if you already have a titre de séjour that extends with a validity longer than your Erasmus stay (**if not**, you'll need to request a visa at the embassy in Paris and costs like 80 euros).



The International Office at HdM arranges your residence permit application (not a visa). They will contact you within a week regarding the outcome. If additional documents or clarifications are needed, HdM will handle them, so there's no need to worry. You'll need to provide standard documents (passport, acceptance letter, etc.) and proof of sufficient funds for your stay, as required by the German government—approximately €900 per month. For a 5-month stay (you can showcase your own, a family member or a friend's bank statements).

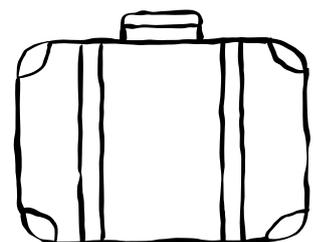
**All students:** you need to do the city registration at any Bürgerbüro, go early in the morning (around 5-6 am), since spots get filled up quickly and are given daily. Your buddy may help you out.



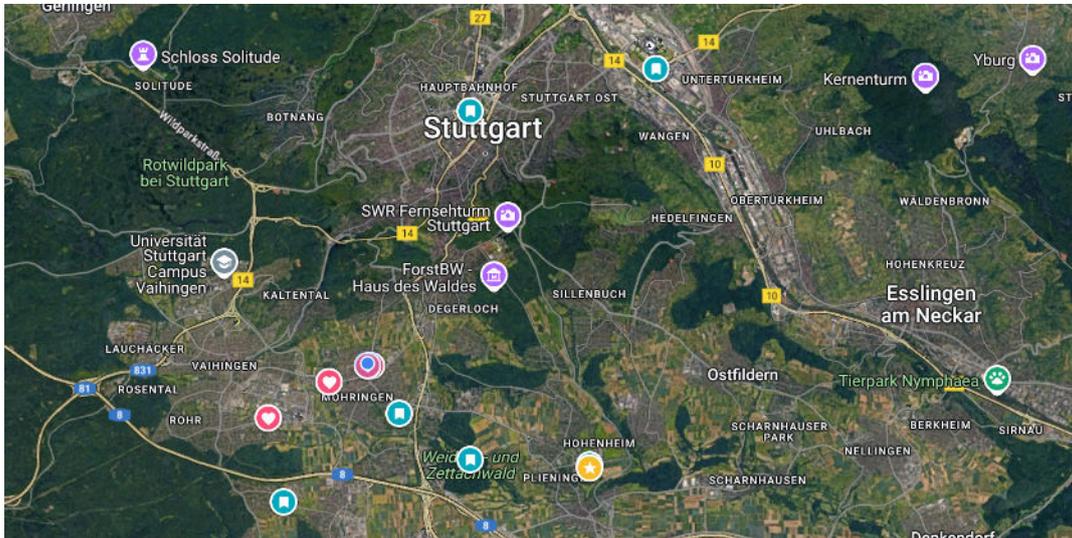
**Aller:** For **86 euros**, you can take a 6-hour TGV trip from Montpellier—Strasbourg and a 1-hour ICE trip from Strasbourg—Stuttgart Hbf. I bought these tickets one month in advance.

**Retour:** I bought a **67 euros** ticket to Strasbourg—Montpellier, since I used the Deutschland ticket to go from Stuttgart to Strasbourg.

I only took one 24kg suitcase since I knew I would be returning with stuff and did not want to carry back more than 2 suitcases. From March to mid-May, it's pretty cold (like November in Montpellier), but after that, it's pretty hot and warm. Stuttgart is a green and sunny city, and it only rained like 5 times, so bring more shorts/skirts, etc, and fewer boots, jeans, big jackets.



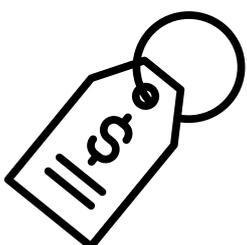
Filderbahnplatz it's located in Möhringen, in Stuttgart-Vaihingen, which is a residential area, 20 minutes away from the airport, the center, and the university campus. I recommend all areas in Stuttgart since the transport network is very reliable, and we have a night bus service like the Amigo bus in Montpellier.



HdM has only 2 residencies available for their exchange students: Filderbahnplatz and one in Esslingen. They arrange your application, you just need to sign the contract and pay.

Almost all HdM internationals will be placed at Filderbahnplatz, which is between the university and the city center. It's a first-come, first-served, so respond to the emails quickly if you want a dorm.

Living in Filderbahnplatz was a humbling experience with lots of absurd moments happening, but I deeply recommend living there as someone who does not like sharing apartments, since you will have all your peers living meters away from you, so doing work projects or just going out will be easier. Living in the dorms was so fun, and you will never feel alone.



**391 euros** for a room. The deposit was 300 euros. You have to pay upfront in November 700 euros (a % of the first month + the deposit) within a week after receiving the room allocation, so estimate that charge.

# Courses selection

## Media Production

Throughout the semester, we did 2 cinematic productions (one small and one big). The teacher (who is a German voice actor and has his own production company) taught us about camera, lighting, cinematography, editing, production, you name it. We then had technical classes where we used the equipment to prepare ourselves for our projects (based on our chosen roles). For my project, we decided to search for actors, locations, etc. You will also need to manage all the legal aspects (copyrights, city permits, contracts, insurance)

## Online Marketing 1

I liked this class because I learned about marketing from another perspective and on a deeper level. The course followed all 6 marketing books from Kotler, which we had a midterm on. Then we had some “World Cafés”, where we had practical sessions and an individual final reflection paper on them. The teacher was really nice and involved with each one of us.

## German language course

One of the reasons I chose this destination was for the compulsory German course, since I wanted to practice my German! You can do a level exam, and the courses go from A.1.1 to C1 levels. The courses were hard at first for me, and you have to work a lot on your own, though the teacher was nice and taught us a lot about German Culture. We had one midterm, one oral presentation, and a final exam, which will vary depending on your level. I am really satisfied with it since classes in Montpellier cost 400 euros and I was able to advance 2 CEFR levels in German during this semester!

## Introduction to International Business

This course was really interesting and short; we had only 4 classes where we talked about several business cases in different industries (luxury, entertainment, automobile, etc). We had to do a paper on an international business case and do a group presentation on a different one. I liked this course and if you work hard, you will get a good grade.

# Notes

Date: **July 2025**

You have all sorts of classes (with breaks): 1,5 hour class, 4-hour class, even full-day classes, and sometimes on Saturday. I did not feel the classes to be as tiring as in MOMA since we do a lot of practical sessions. You do, though, have a lot of workload. Everything was feasible, but you do need a well-organized timetable in order not to forget anything; second changes are not given.

A Hochschule is based more on practical learning, not only theoretical. Teachers were focused on seeing if you understood the courses more on your results, though I would say that the way they grade students is the same as in France so you have to work hard for good or even mid grades.

# Germany

## TO DO LIST



- Follow Erasmus Student Network on social media
- Buy D-Ticket JugendBW (39.42 euros / month) to use all public regional transports in the country
- Attend the Frühlingsfest, the biggest beer/spring festival in the world
- Plan many travels : Munich, Berlin, Prague, Budapest, Nuremberg, etc.

