

I chose Finance, Insurance and Risk Management at ICN Nuremberg for a number of reasons.

First and foremost, it provided me with an amazing opportunity to travel abroad while simultaneously working on my International Quitus and continuing my studies in finance. While many other programs only focus on undergraduate level study abroad programs, ICN's master program(s) placed just as much emphasis on my international and cultural experience as any undergraduate program would have. As a new student in a German speaking country, the campus at Nuremberg offered me a way to practice my English during classes and improve my German outside the classroom. It was a constant learning experience. Moreover, Germany is well-known as a financial leader in Europe. The company which eventually recruited me after receiving my degree valued my experience in Germany as a major factor in my education; one which was virtually unmatched by my peers who studied elsewhere.

On site, I was very pleasantly surprised by the level of interaction with the professors and the professional approach of courses. Contrary to Nancy, our classes were small, about 20 students. This enabled me to form meaningful and beneficial relationships with my peers and professors. The professors had time for us, and knew us personally. Knowing your professors isn't possible at larger universities. Here at ICN, interaction between students and professors is encouraged, and the professors and staff were always willing to assist us, especially if we were struggling.

Outside the classroom, life in Nuremberg is very easy-going even if you don't speak German. While learning German is still important, many Germans speak fluent English, and communication was never an issue. Finding an apartment / flat was also simple because Nuremberg has a large student population, to include students from other countries. The concept of flat sharing among students is very popular in WG's (Wohngemeinschaft). Finally, Nuremberg is a pleasant place to live for students, automobile lovers and European travelers. The city is in the center of Europe with easy access to Prague, Munich, Berlin, Frankfurt, and many other major European cities. Public transportation is easy, cheap, common, and well maintained.

The "Finance, Insurance and Risk Management" program covers several financial concepts such as the basics of corporate finance through financial modeling and company valuation courses. A large part of market finance and fund management is studied through courses such as quantitative management and risk management. These courses also provide a deeper understanding of banking and insurance products. At the end of our studies we had many career options in the investment, insurance, banking, and finance industries, not to mention private businesses of all shapes and sizes. Some of us applied for positions in CIB department in France and abroad, others started to work in insurance and auditing, while the rest joined asset management companies.

As for me, after several internships as an analyst for asset management companies and investment advisors in Paris, I am finally starting my career as real asset analyst in London.



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