

Could you please introduce yourself? And what are your special characteristics?

My name is Andrea Monroy. I am from Mexico and I am studying translation from English to Spanish. I am always open and eager for new experiences. Most of the time I try to learn something from every situation that comes my way even though the circumstances. And I work very hard every time I set my goals until I achieve them. I am very fond of trying and learning new things, like sports or just having a nice conversation with someone about something unknown to me. I love listening to music and singing my heart out.

The reason why I am living in Germany it's because I am an exchange student. I am going to live here until my exchange period ends, which is going to be around four months.

Why did you choose Hildesheim?

Germany has a very historical background and since the University of Hildesheim and my home University are partner universities, I decided to come here. Moreover, the course catalog is wide and interesting for my field.

What do you think of Hildesheim or Germany?

So far, I find Hildesheim as a very nice place to live in, especially if you like quiet and small cities, which for me it's perfectly fine. Because I think the streets are most of the time pretty secure. However not only the city itself is very nice, but the people who live here. There are plenty of international students who make you feel like home, you are always trying to be for each other and that's also part of Hildesheim.

How do you find studying online?

When I studied online it was extremely hard to get used to it, you can find a lot of distractions and the fact of being in your bedroom for long periods of time could be overwhelming. Later I was able to look at the positive side like avoiding commutes. But in the long term I think it is not very suitable for all students, besides some classes need to be taken in presence because some are more practical rather than theoretical.

What do you particularly like about your semester abroad?

The opportunity to meet a lot of people from different backgrounds, it's an eye-opener to be in touch with so many cultures, languages and ways of living. It changes for sure the way you perceive the world. On the other hand, being here is an experience full of new emotions and having to be here without the aid I used to have in my country, has made me grow personally.

What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy walking and going out with rollers, spending time with my friends, and visiting new places.

Have you ever participated in an extracurricular course at the university?

It is not a course, but I have participated in some of the events organized by the International Office and I have been playing sports at the Unisport.

What plans do you have for the future?

I am planning to extend my stay here, so I will be studying for one year. Then, I am going back to my country to finish my bachelor's and apply to get a place to do my master's in a foreign country. If it's not in Germany, I would like to go to Australia.