

STUDENT PROFILES – GERMANY

UTS:ENGINEERING



Daniel Willinger is from Lehningen, a small village at the edge of the Black Forrest in Germany. He's a second year BE Mechanical student at the Fachhochschule Konstanz¹ in southern Germany and is here for one semester as a Study Abroad student.

“Nowadays it's more important than ever to have some overseas experience before going out into the workforce. I chose Australia because I wanted an English speaking country and the UK is really too close and the USA isn't an option at the moment! Also, I'd already been to Australia in 2004 where I was backpacking for four or so months. We had an Australian exchange student from Bendigo at my high school whom I befriended so that was a good enough reason to travel here.

I visited Sydney then and really liked it – it's so multi cultural and there's so much to do!

The subjects I'm undertaking will be credited towards my course back home. One subject, Engineering Communication, I particularly like because it deals with

understanding basic principles and theories of human communication, writing in a number of different genres, and also of course verbal communication which is very important for everyone, especially an engineer. UTS is a great university - I've made use of a lot of the services they offer, for example ELSSA² which is the English Language Support centre and the LDC (Learning and Design Centres) in the faculty where we've had group meetings. I also think the computer lab facilities are very impressive and the lecturers very approachable. I participated in O'Week,³ that's the orientation program offered before semester starts which was very useful.

I share a four-bedroom apartment at Gumal Housing (university housing) with other international students. My girlfriend is also in Sydney – she's on a working holiday visa and having a gap year – and we spend our free time going to the many beaches in Sydney and exploring the city generally.

I found out about UTS through Gostralia⁴ - they're an international education consultancy in Stuttgart, Germany. A staff there actually recommended UTS and praised it very highly. I would say to any future student that this is a really good experience and to go for it (as they say in Australia)!”

¹ <http://www.fh-konstanz.de/>

² <http://www.elssa.uts.edu.au/about/index.html>

³ <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/union/whatson/city.cfm?ItemId=5162%20-%2025k>

⁴ <http://www.gostralia.de/studium-in-australien/gostralia-student-travel-service0/>



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WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT UTS: ENGINEERING

- **Facilities**
 - anything not already on campus is just next door or around the corner

- **Quality of Teaching & Learning**
 - The only Sydney metropolitan university to be ranked in top performance band in Australian Government Rankings as of October 2007⁵
 - Awarded 2 out of 10 Carrick Learning Institute (Australian Government) grants awarded to only 7 universities Australia wide in 2006
 - UTS, and particularly Engineering, has won many major teaching awards
 - Roots are in a teaching only institution

- **Links to Industry - Focus on the real-world**
 - Many research projects with industry partners
 - Major industry and community input on courses and curriculum

- **Relatively New University**
 - Only 20 years young; still adaptable to change

- **Location**
 - right next to central station; largest footprint of any organisation in Sydney CBD

www.eng.uts.edu.au

⁵ <http://www.newsroom.uts.edu.au/news/detail.cfm?ItemId=8832>