

## Field Report

- *General impression of your research stay abroad*

I started my research in Austria, using all the possibilities the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences could give me. At the Fulton Library I had the possibility to expand my literature availability. I had two advisors which helped me with my research. I got all kind of tips for literature, how to get an interview, contacts in the industry and helpful sources. The open and flexible way of communication was also a big help while dealing with this topic. To handle the research I used books, articles from German and American papers, which gives this research a view of two different territories and industries. To answer my research question, I had the honor to ask some people in the industry. I got the contact from my professor and this gives my research a more practical understanding, which was the purpose of my paper. I also realized that some points and assumptions from my concept, were too much for this one paper or not really relevant to answer the research question. Therefore, I have chosen to do research in a practical way and I want to improve my skills on movie sets.

- *Quality of the host institution*

The Utah Valley University, in particular the department of Digital Media, has a really special philosophy. The understanding of the media and the handling of the technology on one side and the encouraging, open minded and helpful work flow of the Professor at the Digital Cinema program and in the Digital Media department on the other side, showed me that this exchange semester, was the best choice I could make. For me there were two big goals, improve my english, in speaking and writing, and expand my knowledge in the field of Digital Cinema. I am fully fascinated, that the UVU could teach me so much about Cinematography, Digital Output, Filmanalysing, Producing and working on a Senior Project in one semester. I got the self-confidence, the base of the knowledge and encouragement from my host institution to work in the film industry in the future as a cinematographer. So when I consider all the arguments I can say for myself that the quality was really good.

- *Contacts within the host institution, inclusion in the organization*

The Utah Valley University and the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences have a partnership with this exchange program for three years. Every year three people from both universities get the opportunity to be exchanged. Therefore, the cornstorn for this contact, was build in the international office. The working philosophies of the universities could not be more different. In Austria we love bureaucracy, so therefore everything has a particular deadline and really clear structure, which is really helpful and I personally prefer it. The american philosophy is more (and I don't want to be rude, but honestly) Rome was not built in a day, which is also a cultural thing. Sometimes it needs a while to get a response and the

way of communicating was sometimes a little tricky, because of the time difference and system problems. The waiting time, for instance of my visa documents took a long time, but it was the mistake of the delivery service. During my stay I was always more than welcome in the office of the department, the hospitality and communication was really great.

- *Recommendations for future Marshall Plan students and fellows*

I want to thank the Marshall Plan scholarship for this opportunity, to write my research paper about the topic and to get the practical part taught on the Digital Cinema program of the Utah Valley University. And to get the possibility to improve my english, to immerse yourself in a foreign culture and to see an amazing, beautiful and unique country. Because of this scholarship I had the chance to get to know the American life style, the people and the daily life. I would highly recommend the Marshall Plan scholarship for every person, who wants to get new experiences in the United States of America and in Austria. I think it is important to keep this connection between these two countries, because of the working field and future partnerships. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for me and I don't want to miss it, because without the scholarship I would not have been able to afford this experience.