Fin Lewis @ FU Berlin

Freie Universität Berlin

Why should you choose Berlin?
- Rich culture and exciting city with things to see and do 24 hours a day
- Fantastic nightlife
- Deep historical background
- International city (most people speak English)
- Amazing public transport
- Kebab shops (like a LOT)
- Meet students from all over Europe
- BIERGARTENS!!!





About FU Berlin
- Big Campus (you can get an underground from one side to the next)
- Loads of little hidden cafes
- Great spaces for studying
- Huge dining area with affordable meals
- Lots of student activities and things to get involved in

The History of the Free University:
-Before Freie Universität Berlin was founded, students had protested about the current University of Berlin being too affected by communist political influence
-In December 1948, after long periods of protest, the Freie Universität (Free University) was founded by students and scholars.
-FU was created to be a place to study free from political influence, situated in West Berlin in the early Cold War period.

Studying at FU:
-There are lots of modules to choose from at FU Berlin. I took mostly courses in analysis and numerics.
-Some courses only run on alternate years, so be sure to check the previous two years when planning your module choices
-You have to score a certain % on your homework sheets to pass the module, but don't worry! You get to work with a homework partner. This is a great opportunity to make friends in your classes.

Fins top tips:
Living abroad can be as stressful as it is exciting, here are some of the things that I'd definitely recommend you do while you're abroad:

1.) Make German friends - Having a German friend helps out LOADS. They'll be able to explain better how the university works, translate things for you, recommend places to go and visit and much more. Also a great way to practice your German!

2.) Sort your visa as soon as possible - You'll have to get a "residence permit" to live in Berlin, but it can take a long time to be processed. The sooner you get it done the sooner you can book your flights home for Christmas!

3.) Travel! - You'll get free train usage all over Germany as a student at FU, and there's loads of cities nearby Berlin that are amazing to visit for a weekend away. I went to Hamburg, Dresden and Leipzig!