

**Adam:** First of all my Name is Adam. I'm studying public administration at the BSEL and right now I'm in an internship. So I wrote down some basic questions for our Interview. Hopefully you are able to answer them.

**Adam:** So let's start with the easy part!  
*What is your Name?*

**Alison:** My name is Alison

**Adam:** Alison. Hi, Alison.  
*Where are you from?*

**Alison:** From Canada.

**Adam:** From Canada.  
*And what are you exactly studying?*

**Alison:** I'm studying business administration.

**Adam:** Ok.  
*In Canada?*

**Alison:** Yes

**Adam:** *What is the Name of the University, what kind of University is this?*

**Alison:** It's Memorial University of Newfoundland. So it's a standard University for undergraduate degrees.

**Adam:** Ok.  
*And why are you in Germany?*

**Alison:** I actually moved here to explore the country, and spend some time with my boyfriend. He is from here and works here so I decided to come and do a year here while I was still able to study online with my courses from the University.

**Adam:** *And how is it going so far for you here in Germany?*

**Alison:** Pretty good, I struggled a little bit a lot with the administration things here. Stuff like registering my address, getting my visa all proved, this was a little bit of a struggle.

**Adam:** *What do you like the most in Germany, since you are here?*

**Alison:** Since I've been here. \*long pause\*  
I think for the most part I really enjoy learning different cultures. Like it's just for me it is fascinating to see how other people do their lives.

**Adam:** Ok. The next question is the opposite of the last one.  
*What was the last good thing in Germany, or the most difficult?*  
Like the bureaucracy you told before.

**Alison:** Definitely to get all the stuff to work. Finding a job was pretty hard to for me to do here, because any customer service job you need to have pretty good German. I'm still learning my German, so it's pretty basic.

**Adam:** A lot of international students facing exactly the same problem here in Germany.  
*What do you liked the most at the BSEL?*

**Alison:** Oh here? I only come here to write my exams. But today when I walked in there was the big sign for this Christmas Market for charity. So looks like a pretty good University.

**Adam:** So maybe my last basic question.  
*Tell me one sentence in German?*

**Alison:** Ha-ha, one sentence in German.  
Ich heiÙe Alison.

**Adam:** Ha-ha, ye pretty good. You said you are studying online so.  
*How difficult is it to take the online exams?*

**Alison:** The online exams. They are not that difficult. The preparation for it I find is more difficult. Because you have to align yourself, you don't have as many resources you don't have your professor's office where u can walk in and ask your questions if you struggling. You have to try figure it four yourself and maybe emails the professor. So the get the help your need is a little bit more difficult. But actually writing your exams and doing your assignments and everything is not much different than any normal course. I have some courses where actually I write the exams online. There is a company that does online proctoring; they are login in into your computer screen to see that you are not cheating. This is really really useful.

**Adam:** Quit interesting.  
*Are there any group activities in the online exams, like group assignments?*

**Alison:** There are some group assignments, where you have to work with the people within the same class online. And you have to create your assignment together. So you have to find some sort of way to contact that people and talk to them on regular basis to compare each other's work and that kind of things. Some people who are actually creating an online chat room, some use email transfers. It can be a struggle when some people don't really know how to use certain technologies. This can make the communication a little bit difficult.

**Adam:** *And did you already took some of the group assignments, did it work good for you?*

**Alison:** Oh yes, it worked pretty well. So once I worked with people who don't know how to use the chat option, so we are using email.

**Adam:** Maybe one of my last questions.  
*Is your university using one single elearning system, or many different to get all the applications together?*

**Alison:** It's all one website. The website has different components; the professors can post documents or videos. The Chat option is also part of the website and you can upload your assignments and the professor can send you your grades back. Once you learn how to use

this program it is working pretty well. Also for the lectures that are not online, professors are using this platform. So even when you are not studying online you are using this Website.

**Adam:** *How many people are using the online lectures?*

**Alison:** It's difficult to answer but the university is offering like hundreds of only online lectures. Like two or three hundred courses that are offered online. These can fit up to forty people or something like that.

**Adam:** Thank you Alison for this pretty interesting interview and I hope you enjoy the rest of your time in Germany.

**Alison:** You are welcome.