

## A Master EIT Student's Rosenheim Experience, by Mark Behrens:



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I realized one day that I had been in Rosenheim one time before in my life – about 5 years ago – although it was just passing through. I suppose a lot of Americans must have been, since Rosenheim is so conveniently located on the train line between Munich and Salzburg. I think the point is that you never know what is in store for your future and what places and people may unexpectedly play a great role in your life. Sitting in a train over 5 years ago, being like a good tourist on the way to Salzburg, I never would have guessed that instead of a couple minute stop I'd be spending more than a couple of the best years of my life in this town and it would become like another home to me.

I came in March of 2002 to begin studying for a Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology at the FH in Rosenheim. It seems like a pretty long time ago now. After plenty of exams, a big Master project and a Master thesis, and a few other things of course, I officially graduated from the program in November of 2004.

Without a doubt this was an amazing experience. The Master degree is valuable, I think especially because of the hard work of the professors, staff and secretary to engage us as students as well as provide a unique learning experience, mostly in English no less. And the Rosenheim area is beautiful. I like the lakes and the hiking. Where I come from (Chicago) the nearest mountain is...far away. It was also a lot more than just a chance to study or travel or have fun, but also to expand personal borders. I have a lot of good memories. I'm really glad to have been just one of the many international students in our Master EE/IT program. The diversity of the students and the mixture of culture between all of us has definitely been a high point of the experience. Top that off with getting to know everyone here and becoming friends with fellow EE/IT students and staff as well many other German and Erasmus students, and I know that if I had to make the same decision to come to Rosenheim again I would do it in a heartbeat.