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It would not be fair to say that the decision to participate in a dual degree exchange program was unexpected and spontaneous. I first heard about the program at a Caucasus University presentation for entrants, and it became one of my main reasons for enrolling at Caucasus University. And now that I have already reached the goal and my Austrian experience is slowly coming to an end, I can confidently say that the program has met all expectations.

Preparing for the program was exciting from the start. I was also very lucky in the search for accommodation after enrollment, and I accidentally discovered that a student from the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria was coming to Caucasus University on an exchange program. We got to know each other well and decided to exchange our rooms during the program. Now Sarah lives in Tbilisi with my family and likes Georgia as well as Caucasus University and the university environment.

As for the program itself, the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria is located in Styria and is entirely focused on global sales and B2B marketing. It should be noted that the study is fully funded. Because FHOÖ is a university of applied sciences, the curriculum is entirely focused on applying the gained knowledge in practice. Dual degree students had the opportunity to participate in the annual project INNOCAMP 36 organized by the University. The teams participating in the project received real assignments from leading Austrian companies. We worked as a team with their representatives to complete the assignments throughout the semester, which is a really unusual experience for all students. Another factor that makes the program worthwhile is that the university helps you get a job in marketing and sales after returning from Austria to Georgia. Most importantly, thanks to a program designed specifically for dual degree students, I have the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree from the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria in parallel with Caucasus University.

However, the most valuable for me are the new relationships I established during my stay in Austria. At the moment, we have about one hundred international students from more than twenty-five countries.

Independent living, interaction with different cultures and travel greatly enhances, strengthens and at the same time teaches you a lot about your own identity.

So I would like to sincerely advise all students interested in studying abroad: Participating in a dual degree program in Austria will be one of the best decisions of your lives. "