

Student Spotlight: Yuen Lam (Ashley) at University of Leicester



Country: Hong Kong
ISC Course: Economics and Management Foundation Year
Progression degree: Banking and Finance

The University

For my course you've got lectures, seminars, workshops and tutorials. Lectures are for lots of people and then the other three are in a small group. I really like this because it's more focused and I can ask any questions at any time and the tutor is really nice. When I send them an e-mail, they will try their best to answer my questions and I can meet them in their office hours and they're really helpful.

The ISC (including courses and facilities)

I think the International Study Centre is a really good place to start for overseas studying because you can meet lots of new friends from different countries and the teachers are nice. I like that they separate us into small groups for classes. The common room is nice, you have board games and snooker and all that stuff. Because of the International Study Centre, you are more prepared and know more about the city because you are already here for around a year. It's a good start. At first, my English was really bad but it's a good place to pick it up.

Culture

I think Leicester is a place where you can concentrate and focus on yourself. In Leicester, it is quieter and you can really find yourself here. I think the most important thing in university is, other than your studies, developing yourself, like your personality, your character and it's a good place to start in Leicester. I joined Cheer in my first year and I'm still doing it now. We do lots of stunts and we do jumps and dance, it's so much fun. You can go out with your friends on Wednesday where we dress up. We have a different theme every Wednesday, like under the sea. The next one is charity shop, so you spend £5 to get an outfit in a charity shop. It's so much fun to hang out with them.

Location

Leicester is less expensive than I expected because it's a small city. You can get wherever you want to, but it's not that expensive compared to London or Manchester.

Student Spotlight: Wing Yan Lam (Candy) at University of Lincoln



Country: Hong Kong
ISC course: International Year One in Business and Management
Degree: BA (Honors) Business and Management

Location

I think Lincoln is a beautiful town. I don't want to go somewhere where they have many Chinese people. I want to try to have more chance to communicate with people from other countries and I think it is a great experience in England.

Support

If I have some questions to ask the teacher, she will try to understand what I mean and she will try to talk with me using simpler vocabulary. I think studying here is a good idea because you study in England and you have many chances to improve your English.

Lifestyle

It is my first time in England and I felt very lonely but now I feel better because I have many friends. I made friends in my class and I go shopping and go to take photos at the weekend to send to my parents. People try to help you here.

Career/future

I think I will go back to Hong Kong and I will try to interview to be a policewoman because in Hong Kong with government jobs the benefits are very good. My brother is a policeman and I want to be like him. I like to help people and it makes me feel happy.

Student Spotlight: Yuan Sui (Cecilia) at Lipscomb University



Country: China
Course: Computer Science

Why Lipscomb?

I went to Lipscomb Academy, which is Lipscomb University's high school, at the beginning of my senior year and I made lots of friends there. Also, we share the same campus as Lipscomb University, so I had the opportunity to talk to some professors and current college students here, and I felt really welcomed, so I decided to come here.

Lifestyle

Nashville, Tennessee is a music city, and I absolutely love music, so my friends and I go to free concerts, which are held in different places during weekends. In Centennial Park there are free jazz concerts on Saturdays, so we always go there. Also, Lipscomb has piano rooms, so when I have free time I go there and just play and compose, and enjoy myself.

Advice

To make the most of your time here you should get involved with campus life. When I first started college I really want to engage with life on campus, so I went to social clubs and the Student Government, and also started my own club, Young Americans for Freedom. I tried to engage as much as possible with student activities.

Teachers

I really love the teaching style at Lipscomb. Our classes are really small – in some of my major classes we have only eight students. We sit in a classroom with moving chairs and moving tables, so we get to interact with each other, and the professor. It's more like a discussion than a big class. I really appreciate the relationship with our professors at Lipscomb University. My professors are like my friends and sometimes I just drop by their office and talk about personal stuff, or what I did for fall break. In their eyes, we're not just numbers, we are real human beings. They really care about our life, they care about what's going on, they care about our frustrations, they care about our suggestions in classes. They really want to help us to grown as a person.

Future/career

I really want to do artificial intelligence in the future and having a degree in Computer Science at Lipscomb University will prepare me for that.