



Student Spotlight:

Yichen Zhao at

USF Liverpool John Moores University



Country: China
ISC Programme: Pre-Masters/Pre-MBA
Degree: MBA

Yichen's Story

The International Pre-Masters/Pre-MBA helped me to prepare for my Masters study. It really refreshed my skills and knowledge. Now that I have a Masters degree, I plan to return to China to find a job in a world top 500 company and later have my own business. But I will miss Liverpool, which is such a great city.

Student Spotlight:

Vladimir Kim at

Merrimack College



Country: Uzbekistan
ISC Course: Pre-Master's Program
Progressed to: MSc Mechanical Engineering.

Why Merrimack?

I did my undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering in China, and I thought it would be good to know more about it and take my Masters. When I sent my application here, I saw two pretty cool professors. They were from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Pre-Master's Program

I had to change from an Asian education system to the American educational system. It was a little bit hard in the beginning, but because I was a Pre-Master's student, I had time to adapt and I got used to it pretty fast. The Pre-Master's Program was a very helpful transition. I thought it was just going to improve my English, but actually it was a time for me to make friends, to get used to the new environment and new culture and to learn about things that I didn't know before. This culture is totally different from China and my own country and I had to learn some things. So I think it helped me 100%.

Career/future

Engineers have all-round skills. The fact that I have a lot of skills in business and engineering and communication, I have a bigger variety of what I can do. I really love to work with cars and designing stuff and in our school we have a lot of opportunities to learn more about it. We have manufacturing classes where they teach you how to design stuff and classes where they teach you practical stuff.

Teachers

In my first semester, the first class I went to was called numerical methods, and the professor was from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and he's head of our engineering department. I expected him to be ridiculously smart, so I wouldn't understand anything he said, but in reality he was totally different. He was so friendly and everything he said he tried to say in a simpler language. The way he talked was very easy to understand, even though I'm a foreigner. I was very happy about the fact that he was explaining very complicated stuff in simple language.

Student Spotlight:

Peiqi Wang at

Roosevelt University



Country: China
ISC Program: International Year One

University

I chose Roosevelt because I think it is a good university. I saw a program where I can learn English language skills, which is benefit for my future.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER

I think the International Study Center prepared me well. Teachers are very patient when teaching. If you have a problem, you can go to the office or send e-mail to the teacher and they will help you.

Location

I love living in Chicago because of the food. I also like sports. My favorite sport is soccer and they have soccer games at Soldier Field. It's exciting. The people are very kind and polite. Chicago is a very good city for living and studying. There are a lot of colleges, universities, high schools, and private schools. The studying environment is very good.

