

## Student Spotlight: Valeriia Andriievska at University of Sussex



**Country:** Ukraine  
**ISC Course:** International Foundation Programme (Media and Communications)

### University of Sussex ISC

During my 8 months of study in the ISC I have gained a lot of useful knowledge to further my education and I met many people from different countries. I have chosen Media as the main subject in the course because I feel I have the potential for it and the education in the ISC has helped me confirm my initial thoughts. Studying here is not just routine commonness; it is an unforgettable experience that you can carry through your whole life.

### Social Events

From my personal experience, taking part in social events is as important as studying because it gives the opportunity to meet many people, develops your communicative skills and demonstrates all your talents in different spheres.

There are many clubs for different taste that everyone can join. Every week something new happens. That's why there is no time for missing out. As we were told in our first lecture: Play hard, work hard and just enjoy your university life!

### Teachers

All of the teaching staff members have personal approaches to each student and anyone can ask for advice at anytime and about any question.

### Lessons

Our lessons don't only focus on the theoretical material but we have a lot of practical work that makes us have a well-rounded grasp of our area of study.

### Location

Living on campus is very enjoyable especially for students who want to find many friends, meet people from different countries and know more about other cultures and nationalities.

## Student Spotlight: Ya Nan Rao (Laura) at University of Sydney



**Country:** China  
**Studying:** Finance and Accounting

### Why University of Sydney

I wanted to study accounting, I am interested in figures. The agency said the accounting major degree at the University of Sydney was really good, so that's why I chose it. I entered a foundation course at Taylors College, it's really good and I have learned a lot. It has helped me a lot to study in the university.

### Culture

I think Australia is really friendly, everyone smiles and I feel comfortable now. Luckily, the teachers are really good. They speak slowly and help us understand. I talk to them when I have a problem. They gave me the confidence and the teachers help us improve our English and study skills.

## Student Spotlight: Raed Alsodani at Texas A&M University Corpus Christie



**Country:** Saudi Arabia  
**University degree:** BS Biomedical science

### Degree program

I am studying Biomedical Science, it's pre-professional. I am planning to go to Medical School and the system here is that everyone has to take an Undergraduate in a Science Major, whether it's biology or chemistry, and my Major now is Bio-Medical. It's kind of mixing chemistry with biology and everything else.

### Location

It's just five minutes from my home to school. It's very windy, which I like, it doesn't get that cold in the winter, not that hot in the summer, so I just love it. In Saudi Arabia we don't have snow, we don't have it here too, I am not used to living in places that are so cold or something. I love being here in this environment.

### Teaching style

We have a building that's called Casa Building. In that building there are tutor students, for each section, like math or science or even writing and reading English. There are certain tutors in that building that would help you and it's for free, and any time you can go. Maybe for the time about exams you can make an appointment, but other than that you can just go, show up and then ask your questions. In addition, they have what's called assigned sessions. They would bring a student assistant to whatever lecture you had, to explain it another way and an easier way for you. So it's all about you.

### Student life

I usually go to the beach. That's what I like about this city. The beach is just so awesome and the wind, and I like to just relax, relieve my stress, listening to the wave sounds.

### The future

Before you get into Med School you need to take an exam, a national exam, it's called MCAT and in this school they're going to give you all the classes that are needed to be studied before that test. And if you get knowledge about all these classes, then you are going to do well in that test, and that's going to give you accepted in Medical School.