



Student Testimonial



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Skills, Accounting, Marketing, Business Environment and also 'Mental Wealth' which was very useful.

Why did you chose to study at UEL?

Firstly, I chose the United Kingdom because of the good environment and the good society which this country has. I preferred to study at UEL because of the good lecturers, good tutors and the good facilities which this university has compared to other universities. Also the good campus - the brilliant campus with the nice scenery of the airport and the Thames River.

How has your Foundation Programme been?

In the Foundation Programme, we have six modules. There is EAP (English for Academic Purposes), Research and Study

My favourite is Accounting as I like math. I prefer Accounting compared to the other subjects. So basically, it was the fundamental and the basic knowledge which is required for these courses and I figured out that all of them were beneficial and useful and are vital things that we need in our future.





What are the main differences between learning in Iran and the UK?

There are some differences between here and my home country which is Iran. The education system and the international environment that this country has, and the multi-cultural societies that this country has in comparison to my country is a lot, and you can communicate with people from different cultures. The facilities and different amenities are great compared to my country. So basically, the UK has a lot of opportunities and options for people who like to experience different cultures, and I like it.

What were your first impressions?

The first impression was a little bit awkward for me because I have never been to an International Centre with people from other cultures. So at first it was difficult to have a conversation with people; to have communication with them. However, after a while it was very good and a friendly environment which was really nice. Now I can say I have friends in more than 10 countries. I have friends from Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, the United States - all over the world. So it's really interesting for me now because I know more things about different countries compared to the previous year when I was in my country. Everything is fine now, I have more information about different countries, different cultures and a different way of living actually.

How is the support in the ISC?

As we are international students, one of the most important things is supporting your mental problems; you might be home sick. The International Study Centre helped us a lot with these things and also with all of the lectures and all of the facilities. We record everything on the website; on 'Moodle' which was very useful as we could refer back to it, and also we have online classes which were very useful as well.



Do you have any tips for other International Students?

So I want to say that at first try to figure out your target and your aim and try to work hard. So if you like to study abroad, don't be afraid to do that. It's really fun and interesting, you will know different people and different places. Everything should be fine and don't be afraid - they will support you in anything. So no concerns, just try and achieve your target!