26-1 學校簡介

位於歐洲中心以及設有歐盟總部的比利時地理位置屬歐洲十字路口,鄰接荷蘭、德國與法國,各個地區曾由荷蘭、勃艮地、西班牙、奧地利等國統治,是歐中的文化大熔爐,加上比利時的三語言環境,使得當地人對於語言初學者或文化多元性能夠更包容,也是個能與各種不同文化背景的人互相學習交流的國家。在比利時生活更能使自己在不同的環境下學會融入不同的種族文化背景與人。

我所申請的學校為 Faculty Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium,布魯塞爾自由大學經濟管理學院不但獲得了世界三大商學認證其中的 AMBA 以及 EQUIS 肯定,每年也都在英國金融時報全球商管學院排行榜上有名。以 2011 年為例, Solvay 經濟管理學院在管理碩士(MBA)排名全球第二十五名,並在歐洲商學院排名中獲得第四十六名的佳績。

26-2 國外研修之課程學習 (課內)

在自由大學共選擇三門課,分別為 Introduction to entrepreneurship, Strategy, Strategy and strategic analysis. Introduction to entrepreneurship 並無期末考試,課程以分組為主,教授上課時會以分享及引導的方式激發學生提出創新以及創意想法,期末結束時每組需上台報告分享自己團隊所研發的新發明。我們這組由兩位台灣學生,一位盧森堡學生以及兩位西班牙學生所組成,由於西班牙學生有工程專業知識背景加上台灣學生具有商管背景,因此我們合力研發了一項充電性能的腳踏車,並將實物做出來在最後成果發表時展示。過程中能與各國文化不同以及專業不同的學生互相腦力激盪與交流是很好學習與成長的體驗。

另外兩堂策略課程則是課前老師會給予一篇商業個案,須在上課前閱讀完畢後在課堂上與老師討論, 老師會抽小組上台分析如何套用策略工具在個案中,兩堂課皆有期末考試。

26-3 國外研修之生活學習 (課外)

在比利時生活的日子很輕鬆,這裡的當地居民與亞洲生活方式不太一樣,週日幾乎是無商店在營業的, 平常日甚至晚上七點過後便幾乎下班,街道上只剩下路燈,與亞洲燈火通明的夜生活型態有很大的差異,對他們而言,週末是留給家人相處的時光,一家人會聚在一起吃飯或到公園散步曬日光浴等,比 起多賺點薪水,生活品質及家人關係的維護是更重要的事。

在國外三餐需自己自理,平常在台灣雖然有煮飯的習慣,但還是外食居多,在這邊生活的話真的是要靠己準備三餐,不然很傷荷包。

在比利時生活使用英文溝通我認為就很足夠了,即便還是有些人只會說法文,對於英文一點都不理解,但他們都還是很親切的盡力替你解答,比利時人很友善以及好親近,走在路上都還會有路人或者是散步的爺爺奶奶微笑跟你打招呼呢!很幸運的在出發前一直很擔心的排華情況似乎沒有發生在我們身上。

26-4 交換/研修之具體效益(請條列式列舉)

- · 獨立自主能力
- · 了解不同文化與生活環境
- · 語言能力增強

• 習得第三種外語

26-5 感想與建議

比利時的生活消費略高,平常日幾乎是需要自己準備三餐的,因為如果在外消費至少都要 10 歐起跳,學校有提供學餐大約5 歐左右,其餘日子皆須自理。

比利時申請簽證時是有家庭年收入門檻的,建議要選擇來比利時交換的學生們先自行查詢簽證門檻, 避免掉申請上了卻無法申請簽證的情形。

Belgium is known as an important country and also the heart of Europe, the European Commission was set in Brussels, the capital of Belgium. Although Belgium is smaller than Taiwan, its full of rich culture and beauty.

It is also one of the expensive countries in Europe. Most of the time you have to cook and prepare the meal on your own because it would cost around 10-20 euros if you want to go and have a decent meal in the restaurant.

Life so far has been great! The location is fantastic, and close to Germany, the Netherlands, France and England. You can easily take the bus to those countries without any troubles, which is one of the reasons why I chose Belgium as my country of exchange program. Bus is definitely a great friend for students like us, it is a money savor compare to traveling by airplane or train.

Study abroad is a great experience and I meet a lot of friends from different countries. The Belgians are friendly and willing to accept different cultures and most importantly, their English ability is great, you don't have to worry about the communication. Their national languages are Dutch, French, and German depending on which part of Belgium you live in.

The university is located in Brussels, the capital of Belgium. Study in ULB you need to learn how to balance school work and parties, the university hold a lot of parties, student here are working so hard in school and also party hard! Even though there are many parties at the university, they have special habits. Before each party, few friends will gather to drink beer and then go to the party. In this case, they don't need to pay expensive price for the drinks at the party! How smart it is!

During the Christmas holidays, all students will start preparing for the final exams, because in Belgium, the final exams are difficult to pass and the exam pass rate is very low. You need to study carefully. All courses will end before the Christmas holiday. After the holiday, January will be Final exam month. The course that I chose are strategy, introduction to entrepreneurship and strategy analysis. Besides the introduction to entrepreneurship have to present the prototype and have a final presentation, the other courses have a final written exam. Strategy courses that provide a case per week need to be read before the course begins. During the class, the professor will ask the students to form into a group and use the business model that the professor has just taught us to solve the case.

Life here is relaxed. I met some people who were from Taiwan and now work in Belgium. They say the biggest difference between Asia and Europe is that people don't put their job as the first priority. Family is most important to them. On weekends, almost every store is closed, and Belgians will spend time with their families, have a decent meal together, and talk about their daily lives.

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