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Sharings:

Please write an essay on your experiences of study abroad:

(At least 1,000 words)

Please include the following items

- Introduction of the school
- What courses you have taken? The course you benefit most.
- What benefits you have got from study
- Impression and suggestions

Temple University is located in the northern part of Philadelphia and has a very large and developed campus where students have the opportunity for self-development and good leisure time. The huge University library is open at night and is under guard which provides a good opportunity to prepare for exams at any time of the day. The University has its own police force that patrols the campus. As a result, students can feel completely safe during daytime and at night.

I have taken four courses in Fall Semester 2022: two graduate courses and two undergraduate ones. As for graduate courses, my first choice was a course from Political Science department taught by Prof. Marc A. Pollack 'International Organizations' which gave me good understanding of how IOs work in 21 century. The second graduate course was 'Foundations of Islam' taught by Prof. Zein Abdullah and it gave me a good base knowledge about the fastest growing religion on Earth. In addition, I was lucky to meet many wonderful classmates who were PhD students in the same school. As for the undergraduate courses, my first choice was the course 'Special Topics in Political Science' taught by a Taiwanese-American Professor Dr. Hsueh. This course was exploring the micro institutional foundations of capitalism with three countries as the case study: Russia, China and India. Professor Hsueh was very professional and gave us a good knowledge on the basics of micro institutional capitalism. Finally, I took an undergraduate course 'American Military Culture' to deepen my understanding of American society and culture as a whole. These four courses became a good experience of mine and helped me meet classmates from all over the world.

As for the benefits I got from this exchange program, first of all Temple University provided me with a good opportunity for networking and meeting people from all over the globe. In addition, getting to know Professor Mark A. Pollack (a former PhD student of Harvard University) was one of my biggest highlights of the exchange program. Thanks to him, I got a better understanding of how International Organizations were designed and how they operate in the 21 century. It also deepened my knowledge

about famous American IR scholars and their works. Apart from that, this exchange program became a good opportunity for me to practice English and develop my speaking and writing skills. I am more than sure that my skills in Academic English were also developed. Last but not least, I got a good chance to explore the US as Philadelphia is sandwiched right between New York City and Washington, DC. Traveling solo around the US was a memorable experience and developed my communication skills. After my exchange program ended, I had a good chance and free time on my hands to travel to Mexico and the UK with my new American friends. It is a good example of how exchange program can facilitate networking.