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根特大學位於比利時荷語區，坐落於中世紀著名的古城根特市。也因為建校時間比利時建國時間更早，根特大學各個校園建築物散落於城市的各個角落，是著名的大學城之一。由於根特市政府推廣環保以及健康，校園的每個學生幾乎都有腳踏車、每個星期四也提倡素食日，因此宿舍都會提供停放腳踏車的地方以及免費維修的工具，學生餐廳也都會提供素食。

在根特讀書的期間我總共修了九門課 36 學分，另外還有加修額外(沒有學分的課程) Dutch for exchange students 與 Low countries studies。因為自己本身就讀的是商學院有不少課堂報告是需要分組跟當地的學生合作討論的專案，能夠透過這樣的機會增進友誼之外還能了解他們當地人的想法以及思維真的很有趣。原本自己很不了解為什麼他們總是思考的方向跟我不一樣，但在深入了解他們之後以及詢問他們就其實不難理解為什麼會做出這樣的決定。

而根特大學的課程也是教的非常紮實，分組課堂報告及作業一樣都沒有少，但有趣的是我修九門客裡面沒有任何一堂課有期中考，應該說這邊的課程幾乎只有期末考。滿分 20 分至少要獲得 10 分以上才算通過該堂課，低於 10 分的話有重考的機會，重考日期統一安排在八月份。如果重考在沒有通過的話就必須在未來重修該堂課。

這邊也很推薦大家修荷語課以及 Low countries studies。畢竟根特大學身處荷語區，大街小巷都是荷文、超商所有的文字也都是荷文、市政府的所有文件也都是荷文，雖然荷文在全球的普及率不高但是對於交換學生在當地這邊生活還算蠻有幫助的。至於後者是屬於根特大學額外的課程，只開在每年的下學期，交換學生免費參與。課程總共 12 次，每次分別有不同的主題介紹比利時國家的各個類別發展，有比利時歷史、比利時藝術、比利時媒體、比利時經濟、文化等，甚至還有三次的戶外教學：去荷蘭與比利時的邊界走訪、去根特大學的飯店課程廚房學習做點心、去市中心的酒廠以及教堂參訪。雖然這堂課沒有提供任何學分，但是是我學習最多、最喜歡的一門課，而且參與至少 9 次課程出席即可獲得證書一張。

而這次交換剛好碰巧遇到新冠肺炎疫情的影響，在旅遊安排上就不如前幾屆交換學生精彩。目前所能分享的生活經驗就是在比利時當地封城鎖國之後如何自保。由於當地人對口罩的刻板印象就是只有給身患重病的人才戴的，因此在疫情初期只有極少數的人戴口罩，就算自己戴口罩自保業績有可能會被當地人投以異樣或者是排擠的眼光。但到後來疫情更嚴重加上政府宣導以及必要的規範之後就好很多。

目前我認為自己具體獲得的效益有：

1. 透過分組課程互動更了解當地
2. 因為因為新冠肺炎疫情的關係算是經歷一段特殊的體驗，甚至跟室友們感情更好
3. 因為在當地修課而更了解自己未來的方向進而在交換期間申請比利時當地的碩士學位，有獲得錄取

4. 外文能力增加，多學到了荷語

建議未來要前往根特大學的學弟妹可以在前往比利時之前就先在線上學一些基礎的荷語。(就我所知有不少免費的線上課程)。因為自己剛開始來的時候由於都看不懂也聽不懂、在超市花了好久的時間翻譯以及買東西，初期真的很不適應，心情也不太好。雖然大家總是說荷語區的比利時人英文能力普遍非常好，但即便如此在超市購買食物的時候東西上的標籤還是荷蘭文。所以建議把最基本的荷蘭文學好再過來比較能更快適應上手。

This is a wonderful journey and I have an amazing experience. Even though there was COVID-19 pandemic, I received so much help from the local Belgians and my roommates took care of each other more than before. So in general, thanks to the COVID-19 that increase the bonds between me and my friends. John Lennon once said, "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans ." And I believe that is exactly my case in this whole exchange student journey. Before I came to Belgium, I was so busy planning where I would travel, which European countries that I'm going to visit, and how much money would I spend on traveling. However, everything changes after the COVID-19 lockdown. Instead of traveling outside all the time, I literally spend more time with my roommates, having more of my own time, being more productive than before, and most importantly I applied to a master's degree. These are the things that I thought that I would never do, especially applying masters, and you know what, I did get the admission letter eventually.

Even though these are the outcomes that I didn't expect that I would have during the whole exchange preparation, I actually feel that this whole experience is the best memory and journey that I could ever imagine.

I highly recommend those who are planning to come to Ghent University to learn Dutch. Since Dutch is one of their official language in Belgium, and Ghent is also in the Dutch area, learn some basic words will definitely make your life more easier in Belgium. There are several free learning that website that I can share with you guys, and one of them is leatndutch.org. If you also want to learn Dutch while you're here in Belgium, Ghent University also provides "Dutch for exchange students". It's an extra course that you have to register by yourself and pay around €65 for book materials cost.

There's another course/program That I highly recommend is Low Countries Studies. Each week the program director will invite different professors talking and sharing about different topics of Belgium. For example, Belgian history, the Belgian economy, Belgium culture, etc. And there are also some extra curriculums, like visiting the city center or go to the Netherlands-Belgium border. Most importantly, the course is free to everyone.

As for my major, business administration, I took nine courses in total 36 credits throughout my whole staying in Belgium. Since it's a business program, most of the courses have group works. And because of group works, it actually provides me the opportunity to get to know more local students, discuss specific topics with them, and even cooperate with them throughout the whole semester. The learning experience is more than I expect. I learned so much from my classmates, and because of their unique thoughts, they enlighten me many points of view than I had in Taiwan.

For the future students planning to come to Ghent University, I hope you guys have a safe and wonderful journey.



