

Personal Report – YU Guo

Preparation before setting off to the Host University:

For Non-European students, my first suggestion is to make the visa issue as much clear as you can. You may still have a valid German Residence card, but sometimes you can get more benefits, like CAF in France, with a local visa. Therefore, it's better to apply for a new Host country visa before you go. Besides that, choose a nice accommodation for your study abroad. Not every school is like Cottbus, whose students' accommodation is only by 5 minutes walk.

Study at Host University:

You may feel a little bit awkward in the first couple of weeks when you study abroad. The course structure, teaching style and assignment are different from what you have got used to in BTU Cottbus. Nevertheless, that would be your harvest at the end of this semester. Personally, I am registered in Hydro-informatics and Water Management in BTU Cottbus. For the exchanging semester, I studied in Polytech Nice, department of water engineering which focus on urban water management. So I have learned subjects such as water distribution modeling, water law, advanced hydraulics and the application of GIS and modelling software on urban water management. In Polytech Nice, we have classes on everyday for each week. Most of our time has been occupied by the courses and we are feeling too difficult to digest all the lessons.

Nevertheless, in Polytech Nice we have some courses by the teacher from other countries, such as Singapore and United States. They brought us different perspective on urban water management.

Everyday life and leisure

Nice is one of the most beautiful cities around the world. It is not only a tourist resort but also a cultural center. Every summer, most European chose to come here for their vacation and enjoyed the sunshine and beach. During the study there, I made some French friends and we traveled around this area, like Monaco and Canes. At the mean time, I have practiced my French with these friends as well as the daily life here.