

Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship

Exchange Learning Report



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Looking back the past few months I spent in ZHAW, I would say that I had experienced a very different learning experience here compared to that in PolyU. I took four courses in total because I am studying Aviation Operation and System and the course which is suitable for my study is limited. But still, I pretty enjoyed my studies here.

I always realized that students here are very hardworking. They always come to class with full preparations. Also, the students here are usually older than me. They usually have several years of experience for some companies. As I am taking the course about aviation, some of the students even have the pilot license already. During classes, most of the students are very active. Apart from asking questions, they also not hesitate to express their opinion about the course materials or the explanation of the professor. Although some Swiss guys are really cool and quiet at first, but once you try to be nice to them, they will become so kind and willing to give a helping hand when I do not understand what professors are talking about.

I have worked as a group with some local students. They are not only full of theoretical knowledge but also practical experience. In the project, we have to create a use case about the use of drones, they can always find out some problems that I have never thought before which will be happened in real life. At that time, I realize that I am lack of practical experience with what I am studying as I never have contact with this kind of job before. This also reminds me it was very important to have certain job experience and thus I can have deep analysis and more ideas when doing some use case analysis.

Moreover, it is very often to have oral exams here instead of written exams. it is quite seldom to have oral exams in Hong Kong, especially for engineering subjects. Professors here are concentrated on both presentation skills and knowledge that we gain. I think this changed my way of study because of the oral exam, it needs to have a full understanding of the notes and have to know the pronunciation of words rather than just recite it.

Apart from lessons and learning, the rich extra-curriculum activities of local students also impressed me a lot! The ZHAW has introduced an organization for the exchange students who came from various countries. They have organized both indoor and outdoor activities like city tour, Dutch lessons, fondue parties, visiting the Rhine, skiing on Jungfrau. These activities help me to know more about Swiss culture and make lots of friends. Though the Dutch lesson, I can learn a new language. As Swiss people speak Dutch in daily life, it is a very good opportunity to practice a new

language. The fastest way to learn a new language is to speak more, and this also brings me a chance to get closer to local people.

Looking back, I realized I had changed a lot in the past few months. After exploring a small part of the world, I see how small I am and this makes me learned to be more humble and always stay hungry for knowledge.

