

Start Somewhere and Be Everywhere—

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Traveling is going from one way of life to another. Studying is exploring a new continent in the sea of learning, and studying abroad is a kind of life journey.



After my bachelor's degree, I have always dreamed of being able to continue my studies. When most of my friends chose Europe or the US for further study, I didn't immediately make the same choice as my friends. Because I found that there is such a country- China, a country is shining brightly. The name of it was everywhere- not only are the words "Made in China" printed on the goods circulating in my hometown, but also full of development opportunities as the development of China has become more and more bright. So, I resolutely chose a country to continue my oversea

education where communication was definitely a huge problem for me.



Before I officially came to China to study abroad, my impression of China was just “ni-hao” and a few Chinese *kung fu* movies and the Chinese festivals and food culture I learned from the movies. All in all, for a country that has never been on the scene, everything heard from others and seen from the media is unreal. However, it was in such an “illusory” country that I sought it out with enthusiasm and found myself.



The first time away from home is not a good feeling, or you can even call it heartbreaking. Completely different lifestyles and cultural differences once became life troubles and mental distress. At first, I was full of anxiety and complaint, until a friend told me that everyone who comes from afar goes through three stages: culture shock, denial, and acceptance and adaptation. And these three stages will determine what happens next here. In the days that followed, despite the obvious language barrier, I learned a great deal from my interactions with classmates, teachers and professors.

In the continuous study, I found that China's growth rate is surprisingly fast, which also prompted me to see the country's growth and development from newspapers, magazines and TV networks. Faced with such a miraculous country, I came to my own conclusion: "Most countries are planning, but China not only has the plan, but show the action." My preconceptions about the low level of education there have been completely erased as I face the fast-moving trains and intricate road network.

I am eager to grow, but marveling at China's growth and changes is not what I am looking for. So, I am constantly acquiring knowledge in this ancient and modern land: I spend time watching videos on the Internet so that I can keep myself abreast with business trends and world economic trends; I also reflect on and learn from China's development trajectory to draw favorable factors and conditions for their own country's development, so as to promote the cooperation between their country and China.

For me, an international student who has only been in China for more than a year, everything around me is a huge attraction and many unpredictable challenges. My journey doesn't stop here, whether in study or in life, I will continue to travel...