

Student Testimonial

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What are the highlights of your education at USF so far?

I think the fact that I have successfully progressed from the INTO USF Pathway Program to my degree program is the biggest highlight of my education so far. INTO USF's Pathway Program helps prepare international students for studying at the collegiate level in English. If I didn't progress, I would have had to come back to Taiwan or transfer to another university. I'm glad I was able to succeed. Moreover, I have made a lot of international friends at USF and got to learn about many different cultures from the other students.

What is the greatest life lesson you've learned while studying at USF?

I made great advances in cooking. Compared to Taiwan, the average meal price in United States is relatively high. In order to reduce my expenses, I learned how to cook.

When you are not busy with school, what do you like to do with your free time?

In my free time, I usually go to the gym or shopping. If I had enough time, I would travel to some new places in Florida or other states in the US. My plan is to visit Niagara Falls during this summer vacation.

Why did you choose to study at USF and in the city of Tampa?

I chose USF because I wanted to study on the East Coast. My first impression of Tampa was "Wow, everything looks like a holiday resort. Every day is a sunny day." Tampa has many beautiful beaches and the weather is also good for outdoor activities.

What classes have you enjoyed the most so far?

Academic Interaction was my favorite class by far. I took it when I was studying Academic English. In this class, I learned useful skills about presentation, notes taking and group communication. These skills are helping me to be a successful student now.

What is the biggest difference between college in the US and college in your home country?

Here we have a lot of presentations or group projects, which is a rare practice for universities in Taiwan. Also, in Taiwan we are not allowed to take our laptops to the class, while here mostly all professors allow us to use our laptops for learning purposes. In addition, professors and students are more like friends here, while in my home country the classroom environment is much more formal.