



Student Testimonial



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What made you choose UEL for your Foundation?

It's a very inclusive environment; how they support you as an international student because when you are studying in another country sometimes you face things like the different language and academic differences. I like that at the University of East London they help you and advise you, and there are programmes that support your courses and your language so that's good.

How have you found the Foundation so far?

I'm studying English for Academic Purposes (EAP), and they teach you basic things like academic writing and how to

do an essay. They give you an instructor and then when you go to do your degree that helps you a lot. You are going to be prepared and you are prepared to face the challenges that you will face at the University in a degree. We also have a Research and Study Skills module now, and that helps you with how to do good research and how not to plagiarise. It's good because you know how to do good structure, have good grammar, and how to do a good paper for the university because that's so important and that helps you very much in your preparation for your degree.





Do you feel it has been a good preparation year?

Yes, definitely. The Foundation year helps you with your language; the language that you are practising every day with your teacher and you're your classmates. Also, it prepares you for your university course so you have all the necessary skills.

What are the main differences in studying in the UK vs Mexico?

I think the main difference is the academic system. In Mexico, everything is based on exams not in coursework papers. Also, the support that you find here - because in Mexico you go to school but they don't really know you. Here you have the necessary help and you can find a lot of helpful tools for a successful degree.



How have you found the support here?

When I was worried about challenges such as my accommodation or how to get a bank account or that kind of thing, they helped me. I went to Andreia (Director of Studies) and she helped me. Also, my teacher of EAP, Hannah, helped me lots. If I had doubts about the class, you can

organise a tutorial class for another day. If you need help, you can get it – just send an email and that's all; they are going to help you.

Where is your favourite place in London?

I think my favourite place is Victoria Park. I love parks, so when I go there, I walk around and I see the view of the lake, the swans and the ducks. It's my favourite place.



What are your aspirations for the future?

I want to study law next year, and it's around 3 years. Then I want to become a solicitor, which I know is not an easy route, but I want to work in insurance and International Relations. That's my plan, but I know I want to go back to Mexico; I want to study law in Mexico too because English law is so different to Latin American law, it's a different system, so I want to become a lawyer in my country, but here also and have both knowledge systems. In the future, I might like to study a Master's in the UK again.