

Hi Prospective Student,

I hope you are doing well and are in the best of health. I was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan in a close-knit family, received all my early education there and furthermore underwent 2 years of work experience after graduating with my bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

Currently, I am studying MSc Engineering Management at NTU's Clifton Campus. I always dreamt of going abroad for studies, however hailing from a middle-class background, finances played a major role in every decision. The most major influence was the course, which heavily related to the job role I was working back home.

Having studied at NTU for almost 9 months now, I would say I do not regret my decision whatsoever. Not only have I been able to interact with exceptional students from across the world, but world-class facilities, modern interactive and study spaces, and exciting events make for an overall amazing and life-changing experience. It would not be fair if I said I did not feel sad or a bit tensed while travelling away from home alone; especially with the intention of such long periods at a time; but trust me it is worth it. The NTU international team along with accommodation and student support make it much easier to help you settle down.

There will be times when you will feel homesick and overwhelmed with assignments and personal responsibilities but understand it to heart that this will help you grow as an individual. Living alone for the first time as an independent person is not easy at first, but soon you will get the hang of it, and trust that the process and experience will influence you for the better. If you're worried about loneliness and the availability of jobs, NTU offers not only mental and physical health support; but also organizes student activities across the year. NTU's employability team is dedicated to helping students obtain jobs in the UK.

The NTU Global Lounge is the cherry on top, providing open space and activities for studies across the world. Quite literally, every piece of a student's life puzzle has been covered by NTU which would bring ease to your student experience. For me, NTU's student assistance started when I landed in London Heathrow and continues to this day as I apply for placements for my Sandwich Year.

With such a diverse atmosphere here in the UK, my only piece of advice would be to always be positive and have a mindset of a go-getter. Experience the beautiful places in the UK, take every opportunity that comes your way, and more importantly; make amazing friends from across the world. Do not be afraid to interact with new people with different religions and exciting cultures.

Wishing you the very best of luck,

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