

Study Report: Exchange Semester at Fudan University

During the spring semester, I had the opportunity to study for one semester at Fudan University in Shanghai as part of my Master's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management at Linköping University. The exchange gave me the opportunity to experience a different academic environment, gain new perspectives, and develop both personally and academically.

At the School of Economics at Fudan, I attended courses in international business, international tax considerations, and China's financial system. The courses in international business and taxation gave me a more professional and nuanced understanding of the opportunities and challenges of doing business across borders. Studying together with students from many different countries also allowed us to share different experiences and perspectives. The course on China's financial system gave me a better understanding of the Chinese economy and business environment, which has further strengthened my interest in working in an international context, especially in China.

Living in Shanghai also allowed me to improve my Chinese significantly by using the language in everyday life. Since almost all of my classmates were international students, I did not have many opportunities to meet local students at Fudan. However, the local students I did meet have become dear friends and greatly enriched my experience in Shanghai. Having lived there has made me more comfortable with the idea of returning to China in the future and has given me a better foundation for potentially working there.

I was also fortunate enough to explore Shanghai and its surrounding areas, as well as other parts of China, including Suzhou, Shangrao, Xi'an, Dali, and Chengdu. Through these travels, I met people from many different backgrounds and experienced the cultural diversity of the country.

Thanks to the scholarship, I was able to have a highly rewarding and instructive semester at Fudan without immediate financial pressure. The experience has given me valuable academic knowledge, international experience, and has improved my language skills. It has also strengthened my interest in pursuing future opportunities in China and made such opportunities feel more realistic and accessible to me.

Thank you once again for the generous scholarship through which this experience was possible. I am very grateful for the opportunity and for everything I have learned during my semester at Fudan.

Best wishes,
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