

Statement of Purpose

I was a student of Tianjin University of Commerce majoring in Applied Psychology when I was doing my undergraduate in China. My undergraduate school provided me abundant psychology courses which entail my solid background knowledge in psychology field. During my college time, I joined a dancing club. I stayed in that club from freshmen to senior and rehearsed intensively with my teammates. On behalf of Tianjin University, our club won the first prize of Tianjin's Art Festival. What I learned from that experience is that success is accompanied with persistence of hard working. On the other hand, my study did not fall behind. I spent most of the time working on my major courses and got the prize of Excellent League Member of Tianjin University of Commerce. What is more, I did several interns during summer and winter breaks, such as school consultant, doctor assistant, and community coordinator. I met different people during interns and exerted psychological knowledge from various aspects, which deepened my interest in psychology. Therefore, I determined to devote myself in this field as a lifelong career in the future.

After I graduated from Tianjin University of Commerce, I got my first formal job in Bi-To EQ Camp in Tianjin as an Emotion Quotient trainer. I taught EQ courses for children age from 3-12 and their parents. I benefitted a lot from Bi-To not only working experience, but also social skills that cannot be learned from classrooms. What is more, I linked my theoretical knowledge to real life to solve pragmatic problems which in turn enhanced my psychology knowledge. However, there were some awkward problems that I cannot handle based on my undergraduate knowledge which made me feel that I was not competent enough to qualify a job in psychology field even though I worked hard. This is because psychology is a profound subject. What I learned from undergraduate college was just the tip of the iceberg in psychology domain. Therefore, I determined to pursue a further study in psychology and look forward to learning the most authentic and advanced psychology knowledge. Thus, I choose to pursue my master degree here, America.

I studied at Pace University in New York from August, 2014 to May, 2015 majoring in General Psychology. As diligently as what I did in my undergraduate school, I devoted all my energies into my courses with 100% attendance and end up first year's study with 3.84 GPA. However, I found my biggest disadvantage during that year. American education is different from that in China which require students to discuss during the classes. As a minor international

student in class, I talked much less than native students which due to my English proficiency and introvert disposition. I might have some ideas during class but I was too shy to express them. I realized that I need to overcome it in my future academic life. During that year, I developed my interest in statistic and psychometrics. I feel excited when taking those courses because I love quantitative things. However, other courses are similar to my undergraduate classes. Since I was doing graduate degree, my major should be more concentrated instead of general. Therefore, I decided to pursue a more specific concentration in psychology which would be statistic and psychometrics related. Keeping these information in mind, I found a relevant major, Industrial/Organizational Psychology in George Mason University. Thus, I transferred here.

Now I am studying in INTO Mason as graduate pathway student majoring in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. IO Psychology aims to investigate human behavior in organizational settings. Specifically, the issues of recruitment, placement, employee training and performance, leader ship, and work motivation. It requires plenty of statistic methods and psychometrics, which fit my interest well. On the other hand, as a minor international student, I may contribute my thoughts to class which are from my educational background, especially China. After several months of studying here, I feel glad to study here because I learned what I want to learn. Thus, I decide to acquire a master degree in George Mason University.

After I finish my master program, I am planning to find a job related to my major in America and work for approximately one year. By then, I will have acquired both advanced psychology knowledge and precious American working experience. After that, I will go back to China and exert all the precious knowledge and experience that I learned here to start my new psychology career.