

A Mixture of All kinds of Flavors: Reflecting on My Year at CityUHK



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Miss Wenyu Yang, graduate of the MScEIE programme in 2025, shares her journey and experience in the past year, as both a student and class representative for the CityUHK EE programme.

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The year has flown by and I graduated. Thinking back, that early morning when I first arrived in Hong Kong seems to be still fresh in my mind. During this year, I had loneliness, pain and confusion but also a lot of novelty, joy and touching, which can be said to be a mixture of all kinds of flavors. I am not one of those star graduates who excel in their grades and had a smooth road on their academic journey, but an ordinary student who stumbled and grew up in the midst of confusion and finally found a satisfying job. My story can't serve as a quick guide, but it can serve as a newbie guide for students who are about to come to study.

Was your MSc education experience what you expected?

The EE learning experience at CityUHK was beyond my expectation and very memorable. Compared with my experience of studying in mainland China, I thought that taught masters were only bound by theoretical knowledge and previous years' examples, but I came here and realized that the teachers are very flexible in the way they think about the questions, and they can fully examine your mastery of knowledge, rather than mechanically switching a few numbers or formulas, and the projects of the courses are also up-to-date, very practical and interesting. For example, in the Applied Deep Learning course I chose last semester, I actually built and trained my own neural network model, and eventually published an EI conference paper, which gave me a more in-depth understanding of the related technical fields and a stronger interest in learning.

Have you liked HK? What was fun/special/surprising about it? Why?

Honestly, before I came to Hong Kong, my impression of Hong Kong was only limited to the prejudice against Hong Kong people on the Internet, and I was worried that I would be discriminated against if I came here. However, after living in Hong Kong for a few days, I realized

that it is an open and tolerant place, full of warmth and care without losing the sense of boundary. On the street, there are not only young people holding hands, but also old people holding hands; on the subway, besides anxious parents, there are also a group of strangers patiently calming down a crying child.

What do you think was the most rewarding part of your programme?

As we all know, when you mention the MSc programme, you can't just talk about the certificate, you have to talk about the exams after exams, the assignments into the wee hours of the morning, the extremely broad and challenging courses. After this year's training, my biggest gain is not in professional knowledge, but in the growth of my mind and ability. CityUHK is like a mother, a cheetah; she will let you grow up quickly in practice, and gain the courage and confidence to face any new challenges, as well as the strong will to never give up.

What do you plan to do or achieve beyond graduation? How has the programme prepared you to achieve your career/future goals?

My career plan was slightly different from the rest of the students in my programme. While everyone was fist-pumping to become an engineer, I aspired to be a key account salesperson - helping people sell their technology and products! This career not only requires me to have expertise in the relevant field, but also business knowledge and a tough personality, and CityUHK, with its entrepreneurial atmosphere and wide-ranging technology coverage, fits my needs perfectly. After this year's spring recruiting, I was lucky enough to become a Key Account Sales Manager for a digital energy storage company, and I'm very grateful for the growth and training I've gotten at CityUHK.

As a class representative and an active student member, how have your involvements enriched your perspective and/or your experience at CityUHK?

As a class representative, my main responsibility is to investigate the learning experience of my fellow students and to gather suggestions and feedback to the university during meetings. In this process, I not only gained a deeper understanding of EE, but also gained a lot of like-minded friends in the process of communicating with my classmates, which greatly relieved my loneliness and anxiety about employment.

Do you have any advice for incoming students?

For freshmen majoring in EE, don't believe in the so-called top-notch courses on the App and neglect the knowledge framework and learning interest of your own major. CityUHK-EE programme is strong and sits at the No.1 position in Hong Kong, for you, this not only means unimaginable faculty but also means incredibly complicated and diverse courses, you must try to choose courses that are in line with your undergraduate major and are of interest to you, or else

English-medium courses and courses with no prior knowledge will make you suffer a lot. More importantly, be sure to make good use of your school's career and training resources, including various mock interviews, career planning activities, etc. Whether you want to stay and work in Hong Kong or not, these activities will provide you with a rich perspective and valuable experience.