

I found Glasgow an incredibly inspiring and vibrant place to study - the diversity and beauty of the surrounding buildings gave no shortage of locations for city walks and weekend trips.

Scotland is a stunning country and I had many opportunities to explore. I travelled to the Highlands to see the amazing landscape to Edinburgh the lovely capitol and even a short trip to northern Ireland is only a few hours away. The Studio I were in was called urban housing and urban building.

The school itself had several differences compare to University of Liechtenstein mainly there was only one studio to choos for 90 students per year but as well like in Liechtenstein we had several tutors which lead us through the semester. The courses where all held in more wide urban field which I found it very exciting and new.

Studios related to different aspects of architecture in several locations across Glasgow and beyond. My first project was set in the south site of Glasgow a heritage district of old industrial area. I focused on the urban housing scale to come up with new stragedies to make the area livable again. While my second was in the same location but focused on the renovation and extension of historic buildings, involving the design of mixed use multi-storey buildings.

Alongside the studio module, we were encouraged to take classes in history and theory, construction, city planning, and artistic studies. I particularly enjoyed this last option, as it gave the opportunity to learn new skills such as print-making and engraving.

The tutors encouraged explorative lighting studies, through models and photographs, techniques which I have continued to utilise in my final year thesis.

One of the best experiences during my time abroad was a mentorship program recommended to me by my profes-sors and fellow students. Each week, I met with a local architect to discuss my studio project. I personally found the experience to be extremely valuable.

As a new student in Glasgow you will find yourself part of a vibrant city. It's packed with some of the best galleries, great parks, cultural venues and nightlife. Glasgow is frequently listed amongst the best places in the world to live, partly due to its vibrant international community, and partly due to the renowned friendly and welcoming attitude of native Glaswegians.

Glasgow has an excellent supply of student accommodation, whether you choose to apply for a room in one of the GSA's three Halls of Residence, or rent a private flat or room sharing with others. I lived first in one of the Halls and the second half of my stay a found a flat with other students from the GSA, I can't say which I preferred most, as both had their disadvantage and advantages.

The first week when all students arrive it is a challenging to find a suitable accommodation because all are looking at the same time, so it might be better to look two weeks before freshers week or just after the welcome week and stay that week in a Hostel, wher you might find some fellow students who you could look together. With the help of the Student Welfare Service which supported me in my search for appropriate accommodation, at one of their accommo-dation advice drop-in sessions and flat-hunting workshops, I found within one week my new home.

Spending six months on exchange was a fantastic experience, allowing me to meet and work with people from many different countries, and to discover what it's like to live in one of the most vibrant cities in the world.

My time in Glasgow broadened my opinion of what archritecture is, and can be. This is something I will continue to develope throughout my architectural career.