

My name is Jiangang Zeng. I am an international freshman, coming from China. Choosing Penn State as my university seems a simple decision for me. Because when I decided to apply the university in the USA, one of my father's friends who lives in Pennsylvania strongly recommended me to be one part of the Penn State. He said to me that Penn State is known for its education system, erudite professors and football. At that time, he did not differentiate between football and soccer since in China nobody plays football. However, we can discover the fame of Penn State's football. From his vivid description of the football (soccer), I believe I can improve my soccer skills and enjoy the soccer when I play it in Penn State in the future. Another crucial reason for me to choosing Penn State is the marvelous education of this university. By searching on the Internet, I find this university is in the top50, especially famous for its Business Undergraduate Education which is in the top20. From all these reasons, I apply this university without any hesitation. Fortunately, I received the offer this February.

The stocks which is one of my hobbies plays an important role in my life. I chose my major as the business is also totally based on my interest in the stock market. I hope sometime I can be the financial crocodile like George Soros. When I got in touch with the Chinese stock market in my high school, I truly fell in love with this, since the fluctuation of the price of the stocks really attract me a lot. Doing the investments in the stock market is another obligatory course for me in my high school. It is not a market of the stock investment, but a complicated place where you can find different

kinds of the desires, psychology and behaviors of people. In one word, in my mind, it is a small world or society. Not only did the stock market give me large quantities of happiness, but it told me plenty of principles of our society as well. I believe I can get the best education of business in Penn State which lead may lead me to success.

Another hobby is the soccer. Just as I talked in the first paragraph, I think the Penn State's soccer team is one of the best through the nation before I apply the university. However, even though Penn state's soccer team is not as formidable as the football team, I still enjoy playing soccer and will try my best to enjoy appreciating the football game. My idol is Michael Owen, who is not as distinguished as he was in the 1998 world cup. The skill, speed and his inspiration made him to be an excellent soccer player even he is not tall enough. All these are the goals that I want to achieve some days later. I keep practicing soccer nearly every day in my high school, and improve a lot. In the Penn State, I expect I can join one team and play in the soccer tournament. I also like other sports such as basketball, table tennis and badminton.

The hardest thing for an international student is the language barrier, especially for our Chinese student, because the way of thinking, the basic letters and the tones are absolutely different in English and Chinese. The main reason for me to choose the ESL class is to improve my ability in writing English composition, and other additional reasons for me to choose this is, for example, to share cultural with students from different countries and make more friends. I hope to be friend with everyone in this class.