

From Ukraine to Arizona: My Journey towards an American Education

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My journey toward obtaining an American education began unexpectedly two years ago. While browsing the internet, I stumbled upon a video where a fellow countryman spoke about his experience studying in an American school as an exchange student. Upon sharing my interest with my parents, they were hesitant about sending their 16-year-old child 5,000 miles away from Ukraine. Nevertheless, I managed to convince them and embarked on my first long-distance journey across the ocean.

Upon arrival in an average Pennsylvania town, I was introduced to my host family. My initial impressions of the USA were similar to those of anyone who visits for the first time: “It’s just like in the movies.” However, upon beginning my studies at the local school, I was impressed by the educational techniques employed by the teachers. I soon realized that my path to higher education lay in America. Furthermore, during my deliberations on where to study, a significant war broke out in my home country, leading my family and me to decide that staying in the USA was the best option. After careful consideration, I opted for Arizona State University at Lake Havasu City due to its reasonable tuition fees and pleasant year-round climate (excluding summers).

As I finish my first academic year, I am content with my decision and consider ASU an excellent starting point for my educational journey.



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