EAP 2 Week 1 Diagnostic Writing

TASK: You are going to write part of a report for International Student Services at QUT describing university education in your country.

Student life

Taiwanese students have a range of variety of student live. Taiwanese universities provide students with many kinds of social systems to keep student and teacher in touch. This includes on-campus workshop, online Q&A time for once a week, or the campus tour. In addition, it is important that having related experience in their major to being hired. As a result, the university also encourages students to attend some lectures which are related to their major in order to expand the horizon. Furthermore, joining a club as part of the university student is always a good idea to learn and organize students themselves and to become more independent as well. In conclusion, students in Taiwan can choose from a wide selection of student live.

Courses and classes

The higher education system in Taiwan offers two different sorts of courses. Most of students can get the taste of two types. Depends on the major that the student chose, if their major is related in art, then having more theory courses within the four years. Usually, the student will face three exams in each semester, and two or three assignments to being assigned. On the other hand, students who chose engineering as their major will face a lot of challenges from operation machines. It is totally different with a major in art, because the courses are more concentrate on whether the students know how to operate the system, or the machines rather than only understand it on their brains. To sum up, Taiwanese college courses can either focus on theory or physical operation.

Compare Australian and Taiwanese university education

There are the few differences between Australian and Taiwanese university education. The first difference is that the teacher does not pay attention on students’ attendance in Australia because there are too many students in a classroom at the same time. On the other hand, in Taiwan, the professor is very care about the student’s attendance during the whole semester. Usually, in the beginning of the semester, the professor will announce that how many the rate of attendance that the student needs to achieve in order to pass the course. Another difference is that just like in other English speaking countries, teachers have more communication and interact with students in Australian colleges. For example, teachers who teach in Australia have frequently small talk with students in the break time or share own experience with students. However, students and teachers in the Taiwanese colleges only stay in the classroom during the class time. Therefore, teachers and students have no chance to get in touch with each other. Finally, Taiwanese college students usually carry multiple physical books in the bags at the one time. The reason because that unlike Australian university students, cannot use e-books, because most professors teaching in Taiwan do not allow students to use e-books. To sum up, there are three features of college education between Australia and Taiwan.

Recommendations paragraph

The recommendation to QUT will makes Taiwanese student adapting Australian academic culture more. In order to accomplish this goal, two suggestions have been recommended. One recommendation is that QUT provide a free general English course of living in Australia. Despite Australian people speaking English, the accent and vocabulary are totally different with northern American. However, most of Taiwanese student studied English as northern American style since they were child in state of British style. Therefore, these students have troubles in study in Australia without learning local English. The other recommendation is that offer accommodation with good price and location to the student who study in the college. Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, the cost of host has been extremely increased, many students cannot find out a suitable accommodation before the semester start. If QUT provides more opportunities of host to the Taiwanese students, it can avoid students renting to far from the campus, influencing the study status. In summary, the two recommendations help students from Taiwan developing Australian academic culture.