

Introductory email

English for Engineers - HS25

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Dear Petrushka,

I am contacting you to share with you my scholastic background and my actual student life.

Since last year, I have been enrolled to the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences, in the faculty of Energy and Environmental Systems Engineering.

My school experience started in Claro, a small village located at north of Bellinzona, the capital of Canton Tessin. There, I have attended the kindergarten and the primary school, whereas my secondary school took place in Castione.

Dithering about the choice to apply for a high school or an apprenticeship, I jumped into the latter, starting my first job as a Building Services Designer. The job gave me the choice to choose between three specializations: heating, ventilation, or plumbing systems, and I stuck with heating systems. After a long meditation, I also decided to undergo baccalaureate with the technical matura besides my four working years.

As soon as my apprenticeship ended, I served in the army, in the CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) Decontamination Defence recruit school. Although I did not enjoy the behavior of people in the military, I indeed loved my service.

Since the recruit school ended in November, instead of applying for a school, I decided to convert my remaining days of military service into civil service. I had the big opportunity to work six months as Research Collaborator in Renewable Energy, in the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland, in the honorable Institute of Applied Sustainability to the Built Environment, where I have learnt the theory and the application of photovoltaics modules, finding the motivation to pursue further university education.