

## The best summer in Kalmar

During my summer academy at Linnaeus University, I have plenty of new experiences and unforgettable memories. What happened here makes a deep impression on me.

Kalmar is in the southeast of Sweden. It is surrounded by a beautiful countryside. Forests, lakes and rivers make it an attractive area for those who love outdoor activities. The feel that Kalmar gives me is quiet, beautiful and harmonious. I like everything here, especially the castle in the city and the road along the lake. Not only me but also locals love to enjoy sunshine on the beach.



The people here is really kind. When I ask them questions, they always smile and answer quickly. When I am walking on the road, there is always someone saying 'Hi' to me. For several times, I met someone said 'Nihao' to me. It is a Chinese greeting, it makes me surprised.

Beyond that, there was an unforgettable experience for me here. I experienced traffic accidents for twice. Once is on the Swebus from Stockholm to Kalmar, the bus hit an elk. Once time is on my bike. I was hit badly by a car. It's lucky that I wasn't hurt badly, just have a pain in the ass. Although it's safe here, I should take good care of myself.

what gratified is the dormitory is very comfortable. My dormitory is located in Falkenbergsvagen 25, with toilet, shower, kitchen, freezer, fridge and various kitchen utensils. This period of time, I am not only learned how to make Chinese-style food, but also learned to make western food. Most important is learned to live independently and live better. I hope the way I live can make it perfectly wonderful.

On weekends, I usually go to travel with friends. We want to go out to take a relax. So far, we went to Stockholm, Turku, Helsinki and Oland. What is more important is who you are going with than where you are going. I am very happy to enjoy uniq sceneries and meet so many friends.

## Glass Design

The Linnaeus University is spread over Kalmar, but we go to another part of university everyday. The place is in Pukeberg. We have classrooms, lectures, kitchen and free coffee. We spend time in the hotshop and the university workshops.

Through the courses of study, I learned much, such as knowledge of glass and design and the methods of making glass, understanding of sketching process, mould making process and so on. Also, I got lots of experiences in the hotshop and the coldshop. And then we do fusing, slumping, casting by ourselves. From the last course, I got my own works. In the beginning of the course, I can not imagine that I can make a glass work by myself. When I observed and watched blowers to make glass, I thought it is really magical and complicated. When I do it by myself, a lot of problems appeared. Just like, in the mould making process, how much water should match the amount of the plaster. When I polish the rims of the cups, which machine should I choose. I must admit, it's more difficult than I thought it would be. Through the way, on one hand, gaining the necessary basic glass knowledge, on the other hand, making glass by myself let me have a sense of accomplishment.

In the process, teachers and the blower help me a lot. It relieves me that I have got the difficulties cleared. I feel a clash of cultures and arts in the communication with them. My appreciation is more than words that I can say!

In addition to knowledge of the harvest, I am so happy to study together with students from many countries.

From this way a large degree to develop my self-learning ability. I am very luck since I own this opportunity, though experiencing many difficulties these days.

## *Hotshop experiences*



## *Coldshop experiences*



## *My works*

