

"Architecture has been my choice!"

How did you come across with KLT?

I did consider enrolling in other institutions before KLT, as I decided to study locally first before studying abroad. However, I found KLT has the course which I was looking for and the institution provided excellent environment, reasonable tuition and accommodation fees and well-equipped facilities for students to study. I decided to study at KLT without hesitation.

With so many courses to choose from, what makes you choose to study Architecture (AR)? Is AR your first choice?

First of all, architecture (AR) has been my dream or goal to achieve since high school. Second, I preferred to have a course that allowed me to study theoretically and practically, which I believed would help to enhance my skills, experiences and knowledge. I may not be born with a talent for art but the architecture program provided a lesson to help students like me to obtain the basic art skill. The rest of improvement in art will depend on myself. In order words, AR has been my choice!

Did you find it hard to adapt yourself in Sibul?

No. I loved the environment in Sibul and I discovered that the local cultures are interesting. Plus, the foods here are delicious and cheap.



Can you briefly share with us what is AR or what have you learned through the years in KLT?

In AR, I learnt that being an Architect is not just about designing or creating a building with fresh ideas, it is about providing a safe shelter in the form of accommodation, entertainment or work for the occupants. Architects have to cooperate with other departments like engineers, quantity surveyors (QS) and other related fields in construction since we do not want any error to happen in the process. Mostly, we rely on each other and work closely to make the project success. In order words, communication is important to convey clear messages. I experienced it when I was doing some assignments more related to engineers and QS. I had to look for them (other courses' students or lectures) to seek advice on the problems I was not clear with.

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How was the study experience as an AR student at KLT? Being an AR student, how did you manage your time?

Overall, exciting, stressful, thrilling and fun. The class schedule was flexible and I had a lot of spare time after my class. Since I stayed in the hostel, normally I used my leisure time to improve my skills and finish my tutorials as well as assignments. Well, that was for first year semesters. Things got tough when I entered second and third year semesters as I had to match my time not only with class and study but also my club activities and external programs the institution held. In AR, making a model took a lot of time for cutting, measuring, and assembling. I barely managed my time but I shortened my 'play time' and thankfully I had my personal diary planner to keep track of the due dates of my assignments. My diary planner is my saviour!

Which part of studying did you find challenging? How did you get through that?

Project assignments. I kept consulting with lecturers since they were my 'clients' and surfed through the internet to look for inspiration for innovative and creative ideas. It was a very good training process to prepare us for work in future.

Did you regret joining KLT? Why?

No. KLT might not have a huge campus but they do not lack professional lecturers and staff who are dedicated to share their experience and knowledge with the students. They are trying to fulfil the imperfect parts of the institution to ensure the students will be able to learn comfortably.

From your own experience, will you recommend others to join KLT? For those who are planning to take AR, what advice would you give them?

I will definitely recommend KLT to others. I would advise them to prepare a diary planner to manage their time well, only prepare necessary materials for the AR course so they will not waste money on unnecessary things, which I wish I would have known about it earlier. And I would advise them to socialise with other people especially from other courses to improve their communication skills.