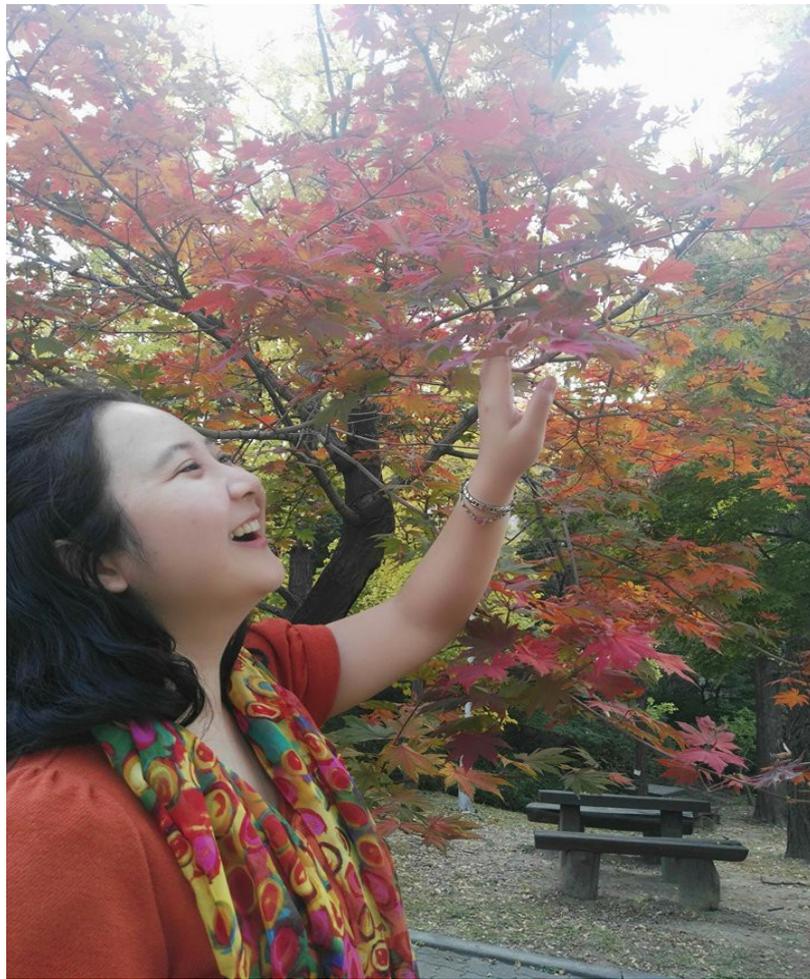


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English Taught Program (ETP), to me, is more like an Enchanted Treasure Palace.

There are so many unique individuals, students and teachers alike, within the program that has added so much colors to my learning experience and my college life. The interactions and experiences that I've gained within ETP helped me ease into my life in the United States when I went to Austin to further pursue my Master degree in accounting.

Let's talk about the courses first. ETP arranged both speaking and writing courses throughout the four years. The classes have different levels and different themes as you progress through the courses. Aside from English skill related courses, there are also technical classes in various fields that are taught in English, such as economics. As a saying goes, "Teach them the ways, don't just give them the fish." That's what ETP was about.

Each teacher taught us the methods rather than just simply feeding the students correct sentences. For example, in speech classes, I learned the method of organizing a well-structured speech, the body language, the voice pitch. In writing classes, I've learned how to properly structure and write a resume, a CV, and an SOP. I've even learned how to "self-police" my own mistakes. Those are all very practical and incredibly important skills that I'm still using till this day.

Now, let's get into the fun part, the people. Since ETP consists of students from various commerce backgrounds, it is a great place to meet friends outside of your own department. ETP also hosts many events that sparks opportunities to bring students together and it brings out the charisma of each individual.

I participated in the freshmen welcoming event, the farewell event, and many more in between. Not only have I made great friends throughout the years, but also gained soft skills that has become a part of me. The friends that I've met are so unique and interesting and they are part of that wonderful experience throughout my college life. The best part is, that friendship lasts.

To wrap up everything, ETP has taught me skills in writing, speaking, and interactions with people. These are all skills that play heavy roles in my career. I am currently working in the US tax services. Part of my job description is communicating with clients, putting together presentations, writing down opinions, and so on. These are mostly performed in English. Therefore, as mentioned above, the abilities to present a well-structured presentation and to write and self-evaluate my own work are all game-changing skills for me.

Now it's your turn to open the treasure chest.