

Counseling Workshop

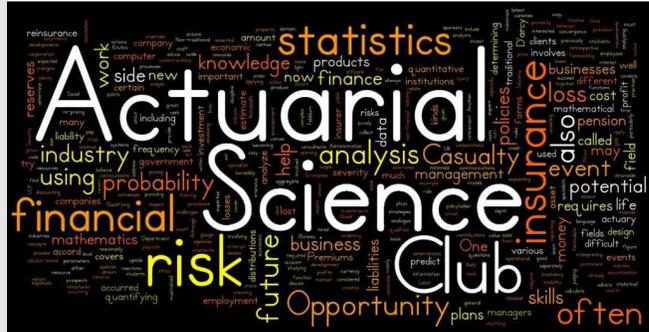
Counseling workshop aims at empowering students with admission requirements, majors and career information etc. The workshop normally will be held every Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm. Students can sign up for the workshop according to his/her willingness.

In November, three workshops were held by counsellors on these topics- “Natural Science and Engineering”, “Economics, Business and Actuarial Sciences” and “Medicine, Veterinary and Law”.

Economics, Business and Actuarial Science

On 19th, the counsellor introduced various kinds of business school in UK and Canada. Through videos and pictures, students had a deep understanding of the differences of business related majors. The counsellor compared the course curriculum at different universities to explain that it is possible different universities teach the same major differently. For example, business students in a Canadian university have to study a general first year while students in the UK will study on the major from day one. Therefore, we suggest that before applying to universities, students should look at the courses and choose the most suitable one for yourself.

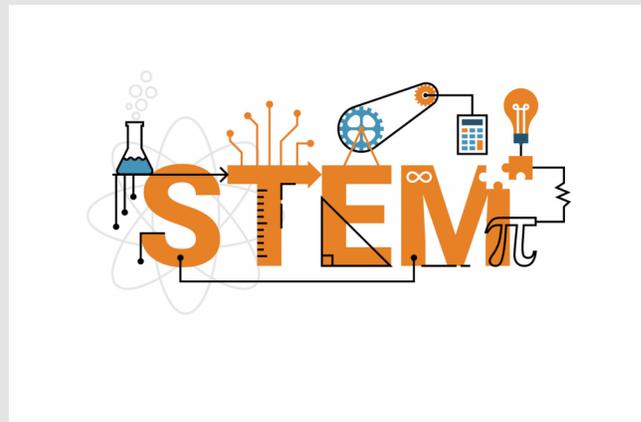
The counsellor also used examples to illustrate the requirements on the IB scores. Using London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as an example, BSci in Economics requires the IB score of 38, 766 in HL subjects, and 7 must be in HL Maths; BA in Business Management requires the IB score of 38, 766 in HL Subjects including Maths; BA in Finance & Accounting requires the IB score of 38, 666 in HL subjects (HL Maths is desirable but not required). As different majors have different requirements on the IB scores, we suggest student research universities for the specific requirements in advance. If students have any questions, they are welcome to stop by the college counseling office for help.



Natural Sciences and Engineering

On 12th, the counsellor introduced the course curriculum and career paths of natural sciences, also pointed out what kind of students are suitable to study this discipline. In addition, the counsellor also introduced undergraduate majors related to engineering. The traditional ones include general engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering etc.; new majors are robotics and embedded systems engineering, technical service with live sound engineering, etc. By comparing different kinds of engineering programs, students got a deep understanding about NS and engineering majors and the possible career paths.

The counsellor also used examples to illustrate the requirements on IB. For example, Natural Sciences in Bath University requires a score of 36, and 7,6,6 in HL subjects; Electronic and Electrical Engineering in Imperial College requires a score of 38, 6 in HL physics and maths. Imperial College claimed that from 2017-2018 data, the IB scores for admitted students are around 38-40.



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Medicine, Veterinary and Law

On 26th, the counseling department had the 7th workshop with grades 10&11 students introducing the undergraduate programs in Medicine, Veterinary and Law. In the UK, students can apply for Medicine, Veterinary and Law at undergraduate level, while in the USA, students will need to complete the undergraduate degree before applying to Law school or Medical school.

Using UK universities as an example, the counsellor showed students different IB requirements among universities. the veterinary program at University of Edinburgh takes five years and requires the IB score of 38, 6 in three HL subjects including chemistry and biology; the medicine program at University of Binghamton takes five years and requires the IB score of 32, 6 in three HL subjects including biology and chemistry.

In the USA, Most medicine schools will not accept high school graduates except University of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science (MCPHS). The counsellor explained the programs at MCPHS and the admission requirements to students.

For students who want to study law in the UK, besides IB and English requirements, the following schools also ask students to take an entrance exam – National Admission Test for Law (LNAT): University of Bristol, LSE, Durham University, University of Glasgow, King’s College London, The University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, University of London-SOAS and University College London. A Bachelor of Law degree normally will take 3 years to complete in the UK.



University Admission Events

Hotel Management Institutions from Switzerland

On November 14, the college counselors attended the admission event hosted by Les Roches and Glion in Suzhou, meeting their admissions team and alumni who are working in the hotel industry.

Les Roches International School of Hotel Management

Established in 1979, Les Roches International School of Hotel Management offers diploma, BBA and master programs in hospitality management across its three campuses - Marbella in Spain, Crans-Montana in Switzerland and Shanghai in China.

It takes 2.5 years to complete a diploma, 3.5 years to complete a BBA and 1 year to earn a master’s degree. The total cost of completing the BBA is about CHF 170,000.

At Les Roches, 94% of the career-seeking students have one or more job offers upon graduation. Leading brands that recruit students from Les Roches include The Ritz-Carlton, Bloomberg, Louis Vuitton, Apple, WeWork, etc.



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Glion Institute of Higher Education: campuses- Glion Switzerland, Bulle Switzerland, London UK

Established in 1962, Glion Institute of Higher Education has been providing excellent undergraduate and graduate programs for hospitality and luxury businesses on three campuses- Glion and Bulle in Switzerland and London in the UK.

At Glion, it takes 3.5 years to complete a bachelor's degree and 1.5 year to complete a master's degree. While pursuing the bachelor's degree, students can choose a specialization in the final semester from the following options: Luxury Brand Management, Hotel Development and Finance and International Event Management. The total cost of completing the bachelor's degree at Glion is around CHF 190,000.

Glion is frequently recognized by industry professionals for its quality, winning Best Hospitality Management School in the World at the Worldwide Hospitality Awards in 2015. The following year, Glion collected the award for Best Innovation in an Academic Program. This year, Glion ranked number one in Employer Reputation and among the top five Worldwide Hospitality Institutions (QS World University Rankings by subject, 2018).



Shannon College of Hotel Management, A College of NUI Galway

On November 21, 2019, Ms. Helena Doody and Ms. Helen Zhang from Shannon College of Hotel Management in Ireland visited OCAC Suzhou.

Shannon College of Hotel Management was founded in 1951 and is Ireland's only dedicated Hotel Management College and one of the world's leading Hotel Management schools. Shannon offers Business and Hotel Management degrees and MSc program in English. Since its establishment, Shannon has kept the record of '100% Employment Record on Graduation Day'. At Shannon, professional practical training is a core component of its degree to ensure that students are well prepared for the job placement.

With a global reputation for its quality and success of graduates, Shannon College is affordable. The tuition fee is only about €39,000 for four years. It is a good choice for students who are determined to study Hotel Management in an English-speaking country.



Upcoming Counseling Events

Parent Coffee Morning- Counseling Session	
Time	9:00 am – 10:20am, Friday, December 6, 2019
Venue	A114
Content	9:00 am- 9:30 am “Summary of the first semester and plans for the second semester” by University Counsellor SHI Qiusha
	9:30 am-10:00 am “How to prepare your children beyond the classroom” by University Counsellor XIE Ying
	10:00 am-10:20 am Q&A