

I am a student from Ukraine and I have successfully completed the 16-month Preparatory Course for Singapore-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level Examination Programme, offered by MDIS College in Singapore. Having come from the developing East-European country, I have always perceived Singapore as the manifestation of capitalistic ingenuity and was seeking for a place which would introduce me to this unknown world. MDIS College coped with this task well and gave me a good grasp of Singapore's reality, ranging from education to political and economic ambience in the country.



MDIS College's teachers were enthusiastic about the subjects they taught and tried to involve students, showing both the beauty and relevance of the disciplines. I liked the way lessons were conducted. They were aimed not just to make us familiar with the syllabus, but also went beyond the demands of the curriculum. However, the prerogative is to prepare for the test and that is why the main focus is on what is required by the examination board. An important consideration for international students is that mentors are happy to go through anything that seems unclear and clarify with you. They consider the fact that some students may feel nervous in the new environment and that English may not be their first language and hence, will spend as much time as necessary until you eventually understand.

The programme itself is structured in such a way that even without prior experience in any of the subjects (for instance, I never studied economics, business or accounting), you can flourish and succeed in your exams. The syllabus is introduced throughout the entire course before the preliminary examinations. You are able to test your understanding and knowledge during numerous class quizzes. In addition, the school will conduct internal examinations to introduce students with the format of the real examinations. It is actually very useful as it trains you to manage your time wisely during the examinations.

As far as motivation is concerned, I believe that everyone has his/her own incentives and personal reasons as to why they come to Singapore to pursue GCE A-Levels. Mine were both self- and socially-centred. On one hand, I was looking for self-actualisation to realise my true potential. Alas, this would have been impossible in my motherland because education is not widely promoted. On the other hand, I would like to teach based on my overseas experience and share it with my compatriots in order to enhance the social life in Ukraine. Whatever your aspirations are, I suggest current students keep them in mind while studying to stay motivated.

As an excellent student, I am often asked how to excel in examinations. I got 3 A's and 1 B for the GCE A-Levels, along with one Distinction for Mathematics. Honestly, I do not know any secret besides the hard work and determination. Just remember that ultimately your success is about the effort you put into the work. I can only sum up that MDIS College will give you a perfect environment to thrive in and will ensure you face as few hurdles as possible.

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