



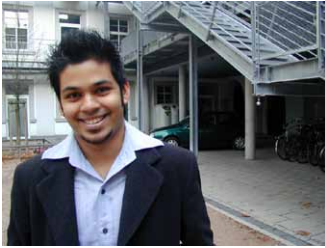
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Student Voice
Bangladesh





Foyсал Hussain,
CBS Intake 2007

Interviewer: Hello Foyсал, would you please give us a short introduction about yourself and let our readers know about your educational background?

Foyсал: I studied in Dhaka at the S.F.X Greenherald School, which is one of the best international schools in Bangladesh in terms of academic performance. It is also very well known for its inter-school sports activities. The students at the school are mostly Bangladeshi; only a few come from other countries such as India, Germany and China. After studying twelve years in this institution it has become a very special place in my heart. I am always welcome to visit

the school whenever I wish. This gives me the feeling that I am still a big part of it. When I completed my O-Level examinations I went to the Mastermind School along with all my friends from Greenherald. I studied there for the next two years and finally completed my A-Level examinations before coming to the International Department.

Interviewer: How did you hear about the International Department and why was it your first choice?



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Foyсал: From my early childhood days I was interested in cars and mechanics. My father supported my fascination for machines, since he is a civil engineer and business man. I always admired the Germans as the pioneers

of engineering and therefore it was definitely the place where I wished to pursue my studies. My problem was that I could not find any English teaching schools which held me back of coming here. The situation changed when a friend told me about your Bachelor course in Mechanical Engineering which is especially designed for international students. I was thrilled to find out about this opportunity and applied immediately. After my admission was accepted I was very happy and excited to join the pre-semester course.

Interviewer: Could you shortly explain to us the purpose of the pre-semester?

Foyсал: Every new bachelor course consists of students from different academic backgrounds. The pre-semester course is a nine week set of science and language classes designed to bring the new students' knowledge up to the same level of scientific background corresponding to the German "Abitur". This is a designation for final exams young adults take at the end of their secondary education, usually after



twelve or thirteen years of schooling. At the end of the pre-semester, freshmen take written exams in English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. The results of these examinations qualify as the cumulative entrance exam. The courses of the pre-semester are fairly challenging, with an interesting and highly talented mix of teachers. From my point of view the pre-semester is basically an effective warm-up session for the greater challenges which are lying ahead. It is a good and practical concept and it was indeed very helpful for me, especially in Physics. This particular subject had a different perspective in terms of syllabus which I had learned before. Thanks to the classes in the pre-semester, now I do not expect to face problems in any of the subjects.

Interviewer: What excursions did you take part during the pre-semester?

Foysal: I attended the visit to the Institute of Production Technology which gave me a good insight regarding future projects at the Universität Karlsruhe and the facilities.

Unfortunately, I missed the visit to the Institute of Product Development, where my fellow students were shown the creation of a scaled down model of a real car which was remote controlled.

Interviewer: What were your impressions of the International Department when you first arrived?

Foysal: According to the information on the web-site, I expected it to be good. But in reality all my expectations were exceeded. The location is fantastic – the International Department is in the center of the city and therefore everything you need such as shopping opportunities, sports facilities, coffee bars etc. is close by. The faculty is in walking distance

and it is surrounded by a wonderful garden which is linked to the Palace of Karlsruhe. I live in a nice studio in the International Department where I have the chance to meet different people from all over the world. In my bachelor course the students are from Norway, India, Mexico, China, Germany, Japan, Saudi Arabia and South Africa. The atmosphere is overall very friendly and welcoming. In an international university, it is very important that the students feel right at home. In my opinion the environment should focus on studying, but also provide opportunities for students to have fun during their leisure time; I'm happy to say that this university has it all.

Interviewer: Thanks for your time, Foysal. I wish you a good start for your studies in the first semester.



View of the beautiful castle of Karlsruhe in the middle of the city and also near by the university campus.

Bachelor Program Key Facts

Degree	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Mechanical Engineering
Majors	Production Management, Energy Engineering and Rail Systems Technology
Scope	With globalization it is becoming increasingly important to provide international students with excellent opportunities to study in Germany. This trend was addressed in collaboration with the industry in 1999 within the KIT. The degree program in Mechanical Engineering is offered by KIT and the supplementary courses are offered by the Carl Benz School (CBS) will provide the perfect platform for students to benefit from a proficient English-taught engineering education at a German elite university. The CBS as a college offers an optimal learning environment and in addition students will obtain assistance with industrial internship placement.
Language	Since courses are presented in English, foreign applicants must pass the TOEFL Examination with a minimum of 560 points pb, 220 points cb and 85 points ibt. TOEIC with 720 and IELTS band 6,5 are also accepted. Basic knowledge of the German language eases integration into general student life on campus, but is not a prerequisite for admission to the degree programs. German language courses are offered on campus.
Admission	German university admission to a B.Sc. program requires that applicants must have completed a secondary education, i.e., the German high school diploma. The admission requirements will decide on the eligibility of students joining the CBS. The final admission will be based on the results of an entrance examination which will take place at the end of pre-semester.
Pre-Semester	9 week preparatory course in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English which will ensure that applicants are equipped with all the quantitative skills to start their engineering studies at an elite university.
Fees	A tuition fee applies.
Starting Dates	August for each given year (Presemester)

International Student Origins



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