

Unit 11 University Life

Warm Up

Do you know what these icons symbolize? Which one do you like the most? Why?



Reading

Read the descriptions below and complete the tasks.

Zhuhai Campus of Sun Yat-Sen University, covering 3,571 acres, is located in Xiangzhou District. The school is set in a natural environment and has various teaching and learning resources. Links with Hong Kong, Macao and other overseas educational institutions are of considerable importance to the university. The university believes that “university is an academic community”, emphasizes “teaching is university”, and places “treating students well” at the core of school activity. There are more than 13 departments, including about 50 majors on the Zhuhai Campus. Most students can finish their university life on either Guangzhou Campus or Zhuhai Campus.

Jilin University Zhuhai College is located in Jinwan District. It backs on to Guanyin Mountain and faces the South China Sea. The Australian-style architecture provides students with a great environment for studying. It is only a 10-minute drive away from Zhuhai airport. Forty-two programs are set within fourteen departments, including architecture, chemistry and medicine, business administration and computer science. The College has relationships with a number of firms, including Kingsoft Cooperation, Southern Software and Gree Company; these provide internships for students. Jilin University Zhuhai College aims to cultivate students who can serve the development of Zhuhai, Guangdong and southern China.

United International College is located in Xiangzhou District and surrounded by Fenghuang Mountains. It is a joint venture between Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist University and is one of the few English Medium Instruction universities in China. Whole-personal education is a core value of UIC. It involves experiential development and uses the arts, emotional intelligence, sports culture, environmental awareness, voluntary service and adversity management to promote students' personal development. There are three departments in UIC: Business and Management Division, Humanities and Social Sciences Division and Science and Technology Division. Twenty majors are offered and the most popular majors are accounting and financing.



Zhuhai Campus of Sun Yat-Sen University



Jilin University Zhuhai College



United International College

Comprehension Task

With your partner, answer the following questions.

1. Which university is the best choice for students to improve their English ability?
2. How do the three universities help the development of Zhuhai?
3. Which university would you like to study in? Give reasons for your decision.

Read the passages again and fill in the blanks in the table.

University	Location	Environment	Education Philosophy	Numbers of Divisions
United International College	_____	_____	_____	_____
Zhuhai College of Jilin University	Jinwan Distract	_____	Students are cultivated into serving for developing Zhuhai, Guangdong and southern china.	_____
Zhuhai Campus of Sun Yat-Sen University	_____	Superior environment	_____	_____

Vocabulary Task

Choose the following words to fill in the blanks.

cultivate	overcome	in the face of	farmers	adversity
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1. Americans pay their _____ not to cultivate their land.
2. This is a lesson in how a group can _____ tremendous adversity.
3. What you perceive now as _____ is really opportunity.
4. He's learned to laugh _____ adversity.

5. I believe the college campus is one of the most difficult environments to _____
a relationship with Christ.

Grammar Task

Make up questions whereby the underlined section will provide the answer.

1. All of the courses are to be finished by the third year.

2. Twenty majors are offered by United International College.

3. United international college was founded by Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist
University.

4. The marketing plan called "recycling the sheet" was created by Mary and Paul.

Find the errors and rewrite the sentences.

1. The letters should have sent by the day before yesterday.

2. My purse have been stealed by the young man who just passed by.

3. One day, he will proved innocent and get out of jail.

4. A lecture is given by professor Deng now.

Dialogue

College Rep: Hello! Can I help you?

Mother: Yes, I am interested in your college. I heard that your college uses English to teach.

Could you tell me more about it?

College Rep: Yes! Our teaching staff come from all over the world, so we are able to teach in English.

Mother: Sounds very good! But I am still worried about my daughter adapting to this

English-speaking environment.

College Rep: No need to worry about that! Every year an immersion program is provided for the

freshmen. The program lasts for two weeks and freshmen

get used to speaking English in class.

Mother: Oh, by the way, I noticed that the full name of UIC

includes HKBU. What is the relationship between

them.

College Rep: UIC was founded as a joint venture by Beijing Normal

University and Hong Kong Baptist University. We also receive considerable support from

local authorities.

Mother: So what kind of degree do students receive?

College Rep: Graduates receive Bachelor's Degrees and Graduation Certificates from both UIC and

HKBU.



Speaking

Role play the dialogue with your partner. (Remember to change roles)

Comprehension Task

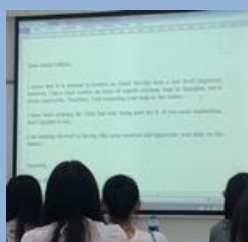
Work with your partner and decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. UIC uses Chinese as the medium of instruction.
2. There is an immersion program for year one students.
3. Graduates only get Graduation Certificates from UIC.
4. The mother is not worried about her daughter.
5. All UIC teachers are from Mainland China.

Reading

Jennifer is a freshman student at Zhongshan University. Here is an extract from her diary:

It's Wednesday again.... Actually, my first class was at nine o'clock but I got up late. I had to wash my face, brush my teeth and put my clothes on in 10 minutes. I rushed to the classroom as quickly as I could. When I got to the classroom, I realized that I had left my breakfast in my dormitory!!! So I had to listen to a boring lecture from nine to twelve without anything to eat. During the lecture, I was distracted by hunger and suddenly the professor asked me a question. It was quite embarrassing because I did not even know the topic of his lecture!! I totally lost face in front of my classmates. After going through this terrible morning, I was frustrated and depressed. Thank God I good friends here at the university. I was comforted a lot by sharing this awful experience with my friends over lunch. Hopefully, tomorrow will be a good day.



Speaking

What do you think about Jennifer's university life? Share your opinion with your partner.

Comprehension Task

Put the following phrases into order according to the passage.

A. realized the breakfast is left

B. rushed to the classroom

C. got up at nine o'clock

D. listened to the lecture

E. talked to my friends

Writing

After having learnt about a day in Jennifer's university life, please describe your ideal university life. Write about 150 words.

Listening

Listen to the dialogue twice and choose the correct answer.

- What does Alison think of the life in UIC?
 - Awful
 - Amazing
 - Busy
 - Boring
- What should male students wear at High Table Dinner?
 - Jeans
 - T-shirt
 - Suit
 - Pajama
- What is Jennifer's favorite activity?
 - Barbecue
 - Cycling
 - Watching sunset and sunrise
 - Fishing
- What people can be invited to High Table Dinner as speakers?
 - Students
 - Parents
 - Experts
 - Celebrity
- What do students usually do in Zhongshan University?
 - Watch movies
 - Go shopping
 - Study
 - Read magazines

Grammar Awareness

Passive Voice

We use active voice when the subject of the sentence performs the action:

BNU and HKBU launched UIC in 2005.

If the subject is unimportant or unknown, we use passive voice:

UIC was founded in 2005.

Simple Passive Tenses

Base Form	
Present simple passive:	English is spoken in UIC.
Past simple passive:	Latin was spoken in Europe.
Question Forms	
Is English spoken in UIC? (Yes, it is/ No, it isn't)	Isn't English spoken in UIC? (expects 'yes')
Was Latin spoken in Europe? (Yes, it is/ No, it isn't)	Wasn't Latin spoken in Europe? (expects 'yes')

Perfect Passive Tenses

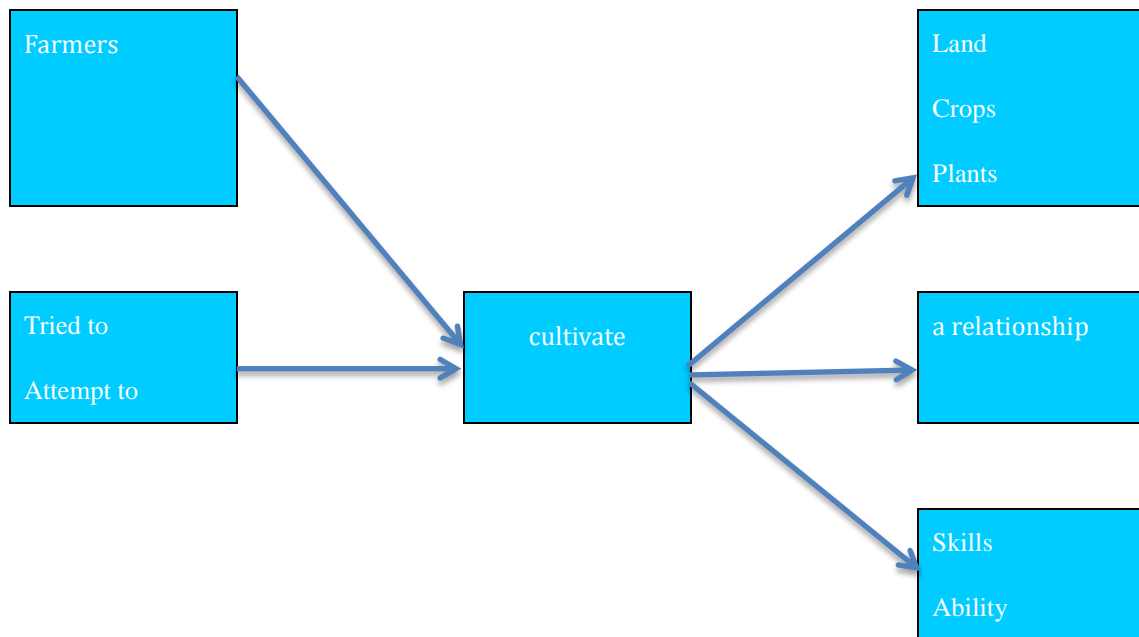
Base Form	
Present perfect passive:	He has been admitted to the university.
Past perfect passive:	He had been admitted to the university.
Future perfect passive:	He will have been admitted to the university.
Question Forms	
Has he been admitted?	Hasn't he been admitted?
(Yes, he has/ No, he hasn't)	(expects answer 'yes' or expresses surprise)
Had he been admitted?	Hadn't he been admitted?
(Yes, he had/ No, he hasn't)	(expects answer 'yes' or expresses surprise)
Will he have been admitted?	Won't he have been invited?
(neutral question/ suggest a logical possibility)	(expects answer 'yes' or provides an explanation)

Continuous Passive Tenses

Base Form	
Present continuous passive:	The classroom is being cleaned.
Past continuous passive:	The classroom was being cleaned.
Question Forms	
Is it being employed?	Isn't it being employed?
(Yes, it is/ No, it isn't)	(expects answer 'yes' or expresses surprise)
Was it being cleaned?	Wasn't it being cleaned?
(Yes, it is/ No, it isn't)	(expects answer 'yes' or expresses surprise)

Word Awareness

The top left box shows the literal meaning of *cultivate*, i.e., farmers working the land. The bottom left box shows that *try* and *attempt* are the most frequently used verbs with *cultivate*. The top right box shows the kinds of things that farmers cultivate. The middle right box shows how cultivate is used metaphorically to show that we use the word *cultivate* to indicate the development of a relationship. The bottom right box shows how *cultivate* is used to indicate the development or learning of different skills.



Examples:

Americans pay their farmers not to cultivate their land.

To her, it seemed that Mitchell had tried to cultivate an image as a tough guy.

A good father will attempt to cultivate qualities in himself that foster the children's development.

They sent explicit instructions about how to organize the garden and cultivate the crops that they hoped would grow there.

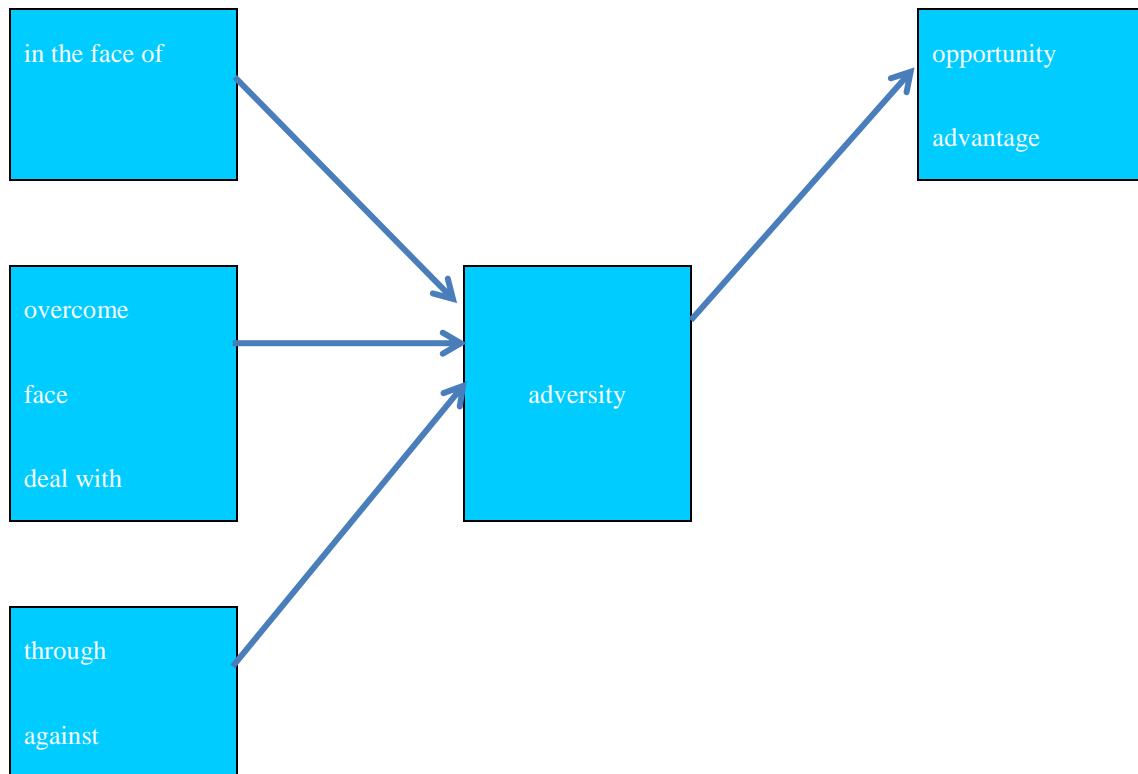
He worked hard to cultivate plants for experimental purposes.

I believe the college campus is one of the most difficult environments to cultivate a relationship with Christ.

Teachers necessarily employ a certain amount of direct instruction and imitation to cultivate students' musical skills and concepts.

They learn to analyze specific tasks and solve problems individually and in and cultivate the ability to think creatively.

The top left box shows the frequently used fixed phrase *in the face of adversity*, which means confronting adversity. The middle left box shows the most frequent used verbs with *adversity*. The bottom left box shows frequent preposition used with against *adversity*. The top right box shows that adversity is not always a negative situation because it can be considered an *opportunity* and *advantage*.



Examples:

He's learned to laugh in the face of adversity.

This is a lesson in how a group can overcome tremendous adversity.

Herzlich had faced no real adversity in his life, given a comfortable childhood filled with success.

It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you.

Experience can help when you're going through adversity.

It's our duty to take arms against adversity.

What you perceive now as adversity is really opportunity.

A smart candidate could turn adversity to his advantage.

Words You Need To Know

Adapt (v.): to change your behavior to fit a requirement or condition. 适应 You need to adapt to the new environment of university in the first year.

Authority (n.): the power to determine or control; and institution of power. 权威 We need to get the support of someone in authority.

Certificate (n.): a document that certifies you have passed an exam or a test. 毕业证书 She has a Certificate in Drama Education.

Considerable (adj.): large in size or worthy to be noticed. 相当大的 The fire caused considerable damage to the church.

Cultivate (v.): to try to improve or prepare something. 培养 She tried to cultivate relationship with the boy but she failed.

Dormitory (n.): a large building containing a number of private rooms for students or workers to live in. 宿舍 Everyone in this university must live in the dormitory.

Embarrassed (adj.): feeling ashamed, stupid or shy in front of people. 尴尬 She felt embarrassed about wearing the same clothes as her teacher.

Emotion (n.): a strong feeling such as joy, anger, hope, sadness etc. 情感 He finds it hard to express his emotions.

Frustrated (adj.): feeling dissatisfied because of the failure at achieving a goal. 失意的 Are you feeling frustrated in your present school life?

Freshman (n.): a first-year student of high school or college. 大一新生 He is a freshman in UIC.

Immersion (n.): a program concentrating on one subject for a period of time. 浸泡 You need to attend the immersion program before you have classes in UIC.

Philosophy (n.): a particular study of general beliefs and thoughts. 哲学 The educational philosophy of UIC is whole-person education.

Within (pre.): into a room, a house, or an area. 内 He is very highly regarded within his profession.