



Dear all, I am Subanatarajan from India. I completed my master of science on May 2006 specializing in process automation. It is really a great opportunity to present my views and the experiences that I encountered as a student in Germany.

Imagine a small kid who rides a cycle with his/her parents watching her back all the time is suddenly left all alone with a bike and asked to ride in a highway. I felt the same way as the kid when I landed and placed my foot for the first time in Germany, but I wasn't the only one to feel that way and there were also a few other students who felt the same. But as days moved by, the friendly environment inside the university and a safe and sound atmosphere outside the university slowly started building self-confidence inside me. I also had the chance to make many new friends from different part of the world thereby giving an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural environment.

The system or methodology of teaching in Germany was completely different from what I personally experienced in my country. Through the courses I attended here in Uni -Dortmund I felt the structure/style of teaching always tries to build a concrete bridge between the concepts in theory and its implementations in real life, which I firmly believe to be an important aspect that an engineer should consider.

I would say the most important part of my life as a master student was the six-seven months period in which I did my master thesis. Hot discussions with my mentors Dipl.-Ing. Sebastian Panek and Dr. Olaf Stursberg increased the passion towards the topic of research that I carried out during my thesis. Effective suggestions and motivation from my supervisor Prof. Engell helped me to complete the thesis with a good result. The flexible and friendly environment in the process control laboratory is also another important aspect that helped me to finish my thesis with ease.

With no doubt I would say that my life as a student in Dortmund has really moulded me to a better shape in terms as a better engineer and also a responsible person with self-confidence.