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## 1. You are currently registered at Centrale Nantes. Could you describe in few words your studies?

I am taking courses in propulsion, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. So, I am gaining a good understanding of the physical laws of these subjects and I am applying that knowledge to turbines, turbomachinery, for example, to predict the lift or drag produced by a wing or the thrust in a nozzle.

### 2. What's your academic background?

I have spent seven semesters studying aeronautical engineering in the Instituto Politécnico Nacional in Mexico. So, I have acquired knowledge about turbomachinery and propulsion, airplane control and stability, flight mechanics, aerodynamics, composite materials and design and analysis of structures.

## 3. What is life like on campus and in Nantes? (accommodation etc)?

Perfect. Nantes is a very nice city, it is quiet and green but also modern and interesting. The student residence is on campus and many international students live there, so there is a pleasant and multicultural ambience with plenty of activities like football matches, a visit to the museums of the city or even a party.

### 4. What is your career plan?

I would like to finish my degree and after I would like to study for a master's degree maybe in France. I would also like to do an internship in a prestigious airplane company in structural or aerodynamic design.

# 5. If you had to describe Centrale Nantes in 3 words, which ones would you choose? Could you give one sentence per word to explain?

International: there are many international students from all over the world.

Research: there are many professors conducting cuttingedge research in almost every area of engineering.

Industry: the students of the École are very well valued in industry.

