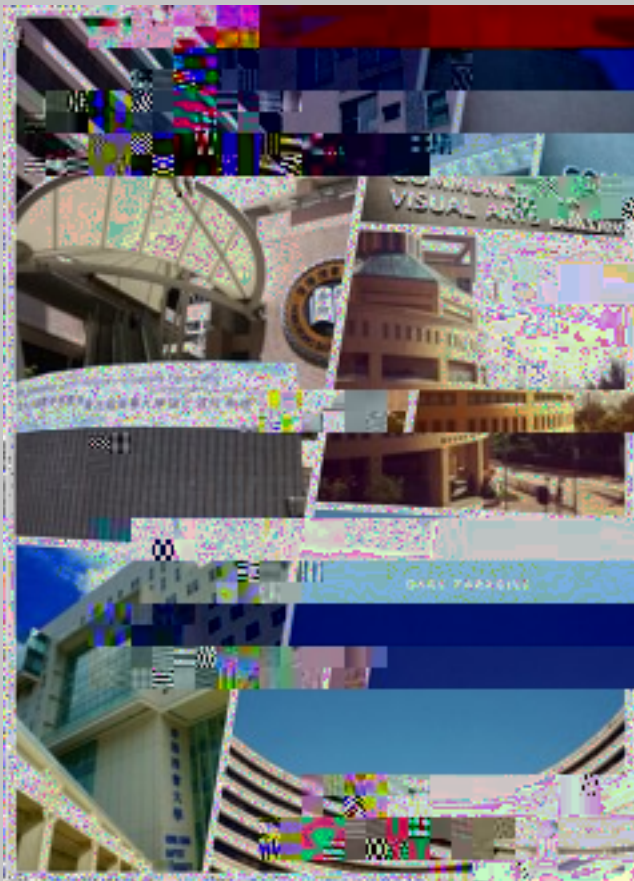


Exchange Report to HKBU

I am doing communication in SFU. I heard there is an awesome communication program in Hong Kong Baptist University. Besides, Hong Kong is close to my family in China, which allow me to visit my family more often. Therefore, HKBU become my idea exchange partner university. I went there for one semester from Sep. 2014 to Dec. 2014. Before I actually made it to study in HKBU, I prepared for the application two semester ahead. SFU offers adequate help for us to go through the period of the application preparation. It is important for you to determine the exchange destination and do enough research on the school as well as the city. I went though the Exchange from SFU website and the corresponding website from HKBU. Apart from this, do not hesitate to ask for help from advisers in your own faculty, which is also the necessary process to discuss about the courses you may take in the exchange university. Besides, if you plan to go travel around, do some researches about the cities you want to travel and prepare for the visa, clothes and so on ahead of time.

Hong Kong is a big and modern city, you can buy everything you need. The wether in HK is quit hot but the air condition is strong indoor. You might feel cold when you stay indoor. In this case, it is better packing some thin coats with you which are easily to take off when you switch from indoor to outdoor. There are also a lot of beautiful beaches and great hiking spots in HK, thus, swimming suit and comfortable shoes are also good choices to take with. I did not fly to HK directly, instead, I flew to Guangzhou to visit my family first and deal with my study permit. It is so convenient for me to go to HK from guangzhou. First, take a train from Guangzhou East train station to Shenzhen. Then pass the Lo Wu Control Point to enter HK and you would see the train station. Take the MTR (The Mass Transit Railway) from Lo Wu station to Kowloon Tong station. At the end, you can take a taxi from the taxi station or take the 25M bus to HKBU dormitory directly. The whole trip cost me 120 Hong Kong dollars (approximate \$20). No matter what you would like to take, it is important to be aware that the drivers could not fully understand English, you'd better prepare a map or the

accurate address in Chinese and notify them ahead of time. You can also fly to HK directly. There is also Airport Express available. All in all, MTR and buses is the best choice for you to go out. You can apply a student Octopus card after you arriving. It is much more convenient for you to pay for the transportation fee. What's more, it can also be used in the school canteen as well as some convenient shores such as 7-11. I prepared approximate 5000 local money, a debit card and a credit card. You can open a local bank account because we need to pay our tuition fee through local debit card or pay by cash. It is also convenient for you to exchange money in HK. We used cash and Octopus card in school more often, however, outside the school, credit card is widely accepted. The

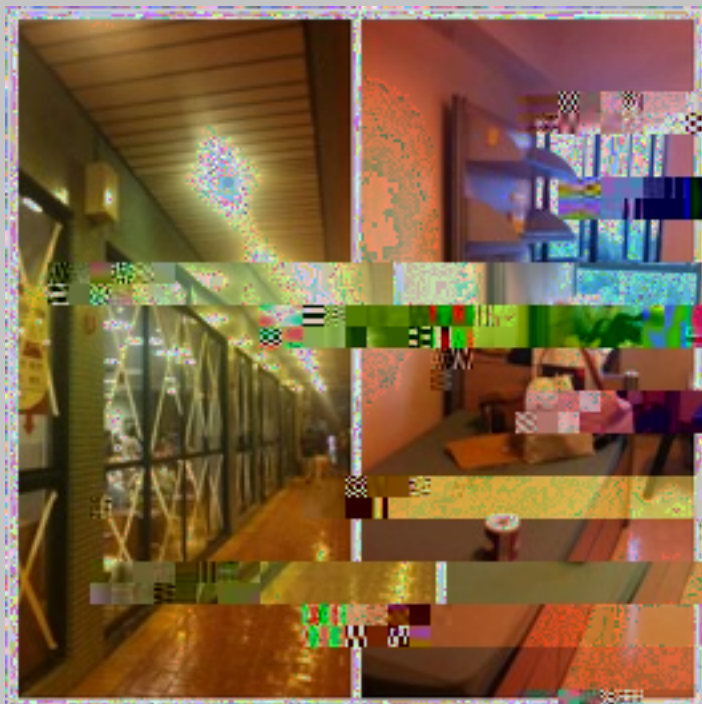


cost of living is similar to Vancouver. It might be cheaper if you eat at school and hang out less.

There was a pick up service offered by HKBU student ambassadors. If it is needed, you can apply by providing your flight information.

After arrival, there was a three-days orientation to help you get familiar with the school life, facilities, courses as well as services. You could get all the information you need from the orientation meeting during these days and make some new friends. In the third day, we are

offered an one-day trip and a delicate welcome lunch and dinner with dim sum. In that day, we



visited some tour spots in HK, and made the first step getting in touch with this city. After the orientation, we started our life studying in HKBU. There are four Halls in total as student dormitory, and I was assigned to live in the Cai Hall. There is a hall tutor in each floor who are responsible for helping you to get used to the life living there. Two people live in the same room, but two rooms share the same

bathroom which is located in the middle of these two rooms. At the beginning of a new semester, there were a lot of activities to welcome new comers and exchange students. Besides, there was one

activity every week held by HKBU especially for exchange students.



Furthermore, there was a big events named international festival which aims at letting students from all around the world present their own culture, food and customs. It was a lot of fun and a great chance to meet different

friends from different countries.

When I was in Hong Kong, there was a social movement happened by chance named Umbrella Revolution. Most of my classmates boycotted classes and went out to the street to join the protests and the movement. The school took a neutral stand and arranged the classes as usual. The teachers gave their lectures as schedule, thus, I never missed any classes during the social movement. I took some amazing courses and meet some awesome teachers in HKBU. The teacher of Gender Study is one of the top three lyric writers in HK and famous scholar as well. He is such a inspiring teacher

