

I spent my summer study abroad experience in Hong Kong, studying at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Majoring in Engineering Science, I wanted to take courses I wouldn't normally be able to take back at SFU. The summer exchange program was held from June 16th to August 14th. On paper, two months seems like a long time, however the time went by too quickly.

Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region (SAR) located in the Southeastern region of the People's Republic of China. Formerly a British Colony, Hong Kong is a global financial hub with a unique and vibrant culture that has been shaped by both Eastern and Western influences. As a student studying in Hong Kong, a student visa is required, unless you have a Hong Kong identity card. The whole process of applying for a student visa is very simple: HKUST will submit the application once you complete the forms provided to you by the exchange office.

Hong Kong is very hot and humid, especially in the summer months. It is highly suggested to pack light as Hong Kong is a shopper's paradise. Shorts, t-shirts, and breathable clothing is definitely recommended. There are 9 student halls on campus, students are placed in either rooms of 2 or 3. All rooms come with refrigerators and sinks. Bedding is not included, so students need to provide their own pillows, blankets, and

Wow, what an amazing ride these two months has been. At first, I did feel a sense of uncertainty about going on exchange as I had never lived on my own. And now, I was about to do so on the other side of the world. But I am extremely





