

Chinese University of Hong Kong Exchange Report Fall 2018



I am a Computer Science major who participated in a 4-month exchange at the Chinese University of Hong Kong for the Fall 2018 semester. During my four months here, I have compiled some useful information for you, so your exchange will go smoothly like mine.

Before you go on an exchange, there are some things you need to prepare for when you go to Hong Kong. If you are going on a Fall semester exchange, pack some light quick dry clothes for the initial two months of your exchange in Hong Kong. It will get very humid and rainy in August/September so having that and an umbrella is a necessity! I learned this the hard way by changing clothes every half of the day from either getting hit by rain or sweating through it. Also keep in mind that August/September is in the middle of Typhoon season so check the weather often. Hong Kong got hit with a strong typhoon while I was there and ended up stuck in my dorm eating ramen for an entire day. Winter time can also get chilly too so bring some long-sleeved clothing as well.

Another thing you should know is that the school has a lot of canteens where you can eat for cheap (about 3-5 Canadian dollars at time of writing). That means you don't have to bring kitchen utensils or worry about cooking. Not all canteens are created equal so scout out the ones you like early. I liked the coffee shop at the central campus buildings and the United College canteen.

You will also be assigned a college which will be your affiliation here. I got Chung Chi, which was at the other side of campus from I-House 1. Chung Chi had frequent social events where exchange students can participate like the English Table and Toastmasters Club. Here you can meet other exchange students or local students

the Star Ferry from the Tsim Sha Tsui side at night is also a must as you can take in the beautiful cityscape. Browsing Sham Shui Po's throwback neighborhood yields a much safer Mad Max's Bartertown with street vendors selling everything. The Apliu market there wil

When I reflect on my time at Hong Kong, I at first felt alone and stressed because I did not know anyone. I then started to get to know people there and became friends with many of them, partying together and traveling together. The times together with my friends really made the most out of my experience there. My adv