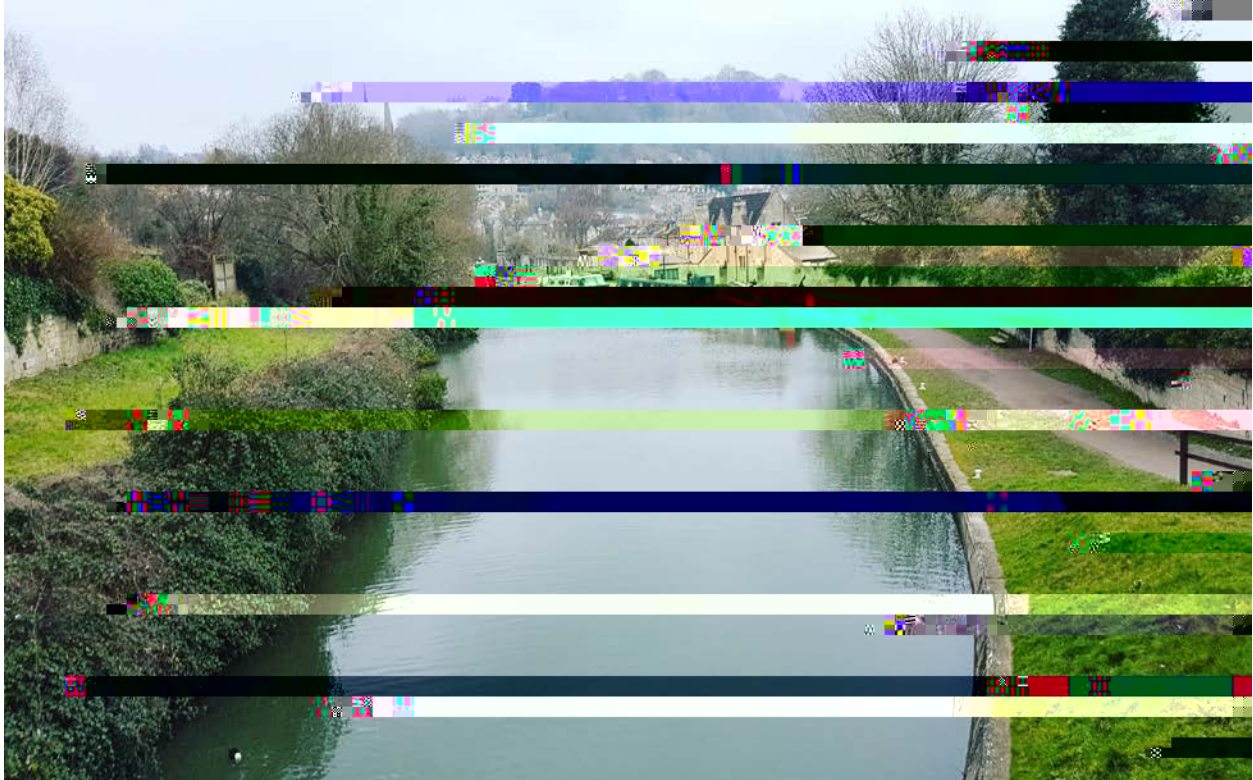


# University of Bath Exchange Report



## Introduction

During spring of 2017, I had the opportunity to study Education and Psychology at the University of Bath located in beautiful Bath, England.

## Preparation for exchange

After some research about visas, I decided to apply for a student visitor visa the UK border since I am a Canadian citizen and was not planning to be staying in the UK for more than six months. At that time the visa expired every time I left the UK but I could reapply upon entry at the UK border. It was also convenient to carry the University of Bath offer letter with me when exiting and entering the UK border.

x Packing

Because I was studying in Bath from February to June, I mostly brought winter clothes, including a nice warm coat . It is important to note that the accommodation has very little in stock for you. Therefore, while they do provide a pillow and duvet for you, you will still have to bring your own duvet covers, towels, hangers and toilet paper etc. You can also purchase additional room décor items at Primark for a good and affordable price, which is located in the city center of Bath. The student union of University of Bath provided an opportunity for students to go to Ikea therefore I would recommend to take advantage of such opportunity as you can purchase any kitchen and room necessities that you didn't pack with you for a good price.

#### x Travel and Transportation

I would recommend to book and purchase your flight ticket early on as ticket prices could increase over time. I had a direct flight with Air Canada from YVR airport to London Heathrow airport. From there, I bought a National Express coach bus ticket that takes me directly into Bath. Once I've arrived at Bath spa train station, I took a taxi to John Wood Building to pick up the keys to my accommodation . From John Wood Building, I walked to my place of accommodation.

#### x Accommodation

I chose Thornbank Gardens as my accommodation because it offered a private bathroom in my room. It is also relatively close to the city center and to the big Sainsbury's. As such, it makes grocery shopping a lot more convenient. In addition, Thornbanks is located near both the U1 and U2 bus routes, thereby making transportation relatively convenient as well. Bus tickets can be purchased through the Wessex and First Bus mobile applications for package deals. You can also purchase tickets on the bus.

#### Orientation

The International Mobility Team had organized a meet and greet event for exchange students. This was a great way to meet some of the fellow peers and friends. The event provided valuable ( l)-253( g)6.9( l)-25T.7(v)7(r)-1.horesdathoom lllef tn an(t)-5.32( f)0.7(r)-1.J 0.-0.9a(e)10.7(h





Favorite study spot: Society Café

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