Over 1 semester

There were 2 options for language programs (both Tagalog and English). First was to enroll in official classes with the school. Second was to partner up with the DLSU International Center buddies for language help over the semester. I did neither, so I am unsure of costs of classes, but buddy language help was offered free.

I didn't stay in a dormitory as I found an apartment, but I was going to stay at UPad (

$200-$450 CAD

2 minute walk

My landlord helped me set up a home phone and Internet plan for the condo, and I paid her the amount each month (PHP 1700, ~$42 CAD). I used my own cellphone and set up a SIM card and phone plan with the help of friends from school.

I made the deposit upon arrival (first and last month's rent). We arranged th

My first choice was to stay in Upad with another SFU student as a roommate. Upad was the closest thing I found to a real dormitory style accommodation. Unfortunately, they require a minimum of 2 semesters, so I chose to instead find a bachelor/studio apartment. The university does not have it's own on campus dormitory, and Upad was the nicest off-campus one (in my opinion), but the whole area around DLSU is made up of student-made condos. These condos are typically

PHP 45,0

First, the amount I put per month, $1100 CAD, is what I budgeted for everything per month. This includes, but is not limited to: rent, internet, water (apartment), electricity, groceries, meals at restaurants, school lunch (at stalls or surrounding vendors), water (drinking - you have to buy all your drinking water, otherwise boil it), Uber and other public transportation, phone plan, laundry, school supplies, hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, going out (attending at least one event a week, such as dinner, movie, club, etc.). I found this was the perfect amount of money.

Do your research well in advance! Make sure to ask for lots of pictures, information, and search the Internet/Facebook for reviews and more information. This is how I found Upad. When that didn't work out, I used Airbnb to find possible accommodations, and sent personal messages to the owners to see

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