

A) Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
08:00-08:50							
09:00-09:50		10988 GE1206-S01 AC2 4412					
10:00-10:50							
11:00-11:50							
12:00-12:50		14253 GE3204-S01 AC1 LT-10	12818 GE1202-C03 AC1 LT-5				
13:00-13:50							
14:00-14:50							
15:00-15:50			15093 GE2248-S01 AC1 P4701				
16:00-16:50							
17:00-17:50							
18:00-18:50	11808 GE2209-S01 AC2 4412						
19:00-19:50							
20:00-20:50							
21:00-21:50							
22:00-22:50							

I am currently in my last semester of my Finance-COOP degree. I was able to credit to ADM electives, one out of faculty elective, business ethics, and world, technologies, and society. Here at CityU, the courses are group heavy. I only have one final exam, but there are multiple courses that don't have an exam...so technically you could have all of December off. It's the same as uOttawa; 3 hours of class a week per class, and 1 course is 3 credits. They do not have 1.5 hour blocks, they are always 3 hours. The earliest class is 9 and the latest you can have is 10pm. 15 hours of class a week. Also, attendance is pretty strict. Most courses you can only miss 3 classes in the whole semester.

The courses I am in(in order from schedule above):

Market Developments in China:	This course will focus on understanding and practices of frameworks and theories of (1) social and business development in China; (2) the transitions of Chinese	Group Project Attendance
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	values, society and business organisational settings; (3) national challenges in structural change; (4) international strategic alliances and cooperation in China; (5) Chinese administration and business management; and (6) Chinese business culture and etiquette.	2 1000 word essays
Accelerating Professional Growth on the Web:	<p>This course aims to:</p> <p>Develop students' conceptual and practical abilities to engage in professional career development and life-long learning by means of effective personal management practices and Web-enabled knowledge management skills;</p> <p>Examine the impacts of effective personal management practices and general Web tools on personal development, professional practices, and multi-cultural social interactions.</p>	<p>In class participation</p> <p>Group project</p> <p>Individual ePortfolio project</p>
Business and Hong Kong Society	<p>Hong Kong's phenomenal development from a small fishing village to becoming a significant international financial centre, heralded as the "Freest Economy in the World", belies the many issues arising from the complex and dynamic interface between business, government and society in Hong Kong. Students will be led to explore the historical evolution of the economy; evaluate the interrelationships between business (organisations) and other socio-political institutions in Hong Kong, and their ramifications for various stakeholders. analyse some of the impacts of economic growth and the problems inherent in capitalistic societies; examine some responses of various stakeholders towards addressing their corporate and social responsibilities; and locate Hong Kong's roles and relations regionally as well as globally. Through a combination of lectures, invited talks by guest speakers, classroom discussions, case studies and project-based learning, students are guided to develop and demonstrate their abilities of independent research and critical thinking.</p>	<p>Group Project/ Presentation</p> <p>Quiz</p> <p>Participation</p>
Managing Personal Finance	<p>Taught by finance experts from EF Department and renowned guest speakers, this course provides students with the basic conceptual framework and practical expertise of financial planning. People from</p>	<p>Group Project</p> <p>In-class assignments</p>

	all backgrounds have to plan and manage their personal financial matters at different stages of their lives. Personal finance is also equally pervasive in the ways people live, work, invest, manage their relations with their friends and family, and develop their sense of responsibility.	Quiz Midterm
Understanding Persuasion	Persuasion and influence are important competencies to accomplish personal goals in all walks of life, and are commonly encountered in everyday life, especially in school, job or even in family in role of persuader and being persuaded. The ability to exert personal influence to change the thoughts and behaviour of peers and other people and to defend oneself against theirs is indispensable to lead a fruitful life. In this complicated world, the effectiveness and conscience of persuasion are of equal importance. This course aims to provide fundamental knowledge and skills in effective and ethical persuasion. The course will unfold psychological, behavioural and ethical essentials of persuasion. Conceptual frameworks and practical tools will be visualized by good and bad examples that caused societally, culturally, politically and technologically impact around the world.	Quiz Group Presentation Individual Essay Participation

B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

City University was very clear on deadlines, they would email multiple times to ensure that we had the key dates. They apply for your student visa for you, you just have to mail them documents as per their email. I completed my visa and sent it at the end of April, and I received it in August. Course registration was June 12th, and you pick your top 10 courses and press submit. Then sometime later they put you in those courses, and you can only switch them in a two week period in August. August 20th approx.-September 11th. Make sure to log-on during your first “window” to be more successful in getting the schedule you want. From the ones they registered me for, I only kept one of them. Plus, many people switch stuff around during those two weeks, so check back often and a space usually opens up. There is a process you can do that can get you in a course even though its full, but I am not familiar with it as I didn’t have to do it.

They require you to arrive for August 28th (that's when residence started), and welcome week was offered to us. We did some orientation programs, to pick up our student cards, and have a campus tour. We did a scavenger hunt in groups and then we had lunch provided by the school and they take you to IKEA to get sheets and whatever else you may need. They also have an international students association that hosts club nights during the first two weeks, super fun! Classes began on September 4th and go until December 2nd. Then there is a revision week Dec 3rd to 9th, and exams are from 9th-23rd of December. There are two holidays for mid autumn festival, usually first week of October. There isn't a reading week.

I bought my flight leaving Toronto Saturday the 26th of August at night and arrived 8:45am on the 28th of August. City University offers a shuttle bus that you have to register beforehand (they will send an email), and takes you directly to the school. I didn't buy a ticket home as I am travelling after.

C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

As said above, there is a shuttle bus provided. Otherwise, you can take the airport express, and transfer to the subway.. the subway stop is called Kowloon Tong. Take exit C into Festival Walk (a mall) and it is connected to City University. From there it is easy to find residence.

D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

Airplane ticket one way : \$614, roundtrip \$1000

Residence: \$1200 for four months

Food (a day at caf): \$10-15. Groceries are pretty expensive here, cafeteria food is cheap (3-5\$ per meal)

Vacation: all depends, so far I did Malaysia (\$400 all together) and mainland China (\$1300/11 days).

Textbooks: did not buy any. Printing is also free at the school (up to 1600 black and white pages)

Insurance through cityu: \$42

E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

Send the visa papers as soon as possible to Hong Kong (I sent them in April). Processing times vary...my roommate got his in beginning of july and I got mine mid-august. Make sure you complete the forms the school sends you by email. You need a passport photo.

Course registration: june 12th, they do scheduling for you. Just pick top 10 courses.

Housing deposit: no deposit, not guaranteed. You find out mid-june.

F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

22 Cornwall Street, Kowloon Tong. Small rooms, half the price for double rooms instead of single. They tend to put roommates of the same nationality together. My roommate is from Queens. Bathroom / Shower is shared with the adjacent room (aka 4 people). The bathrooms are cleaned weekly by staff so its usually nice. Facilities are good, common room has a small kitchen with hot plates and some pans. There are 11 residence halls all beside each other, so it doesn't really matter where you stay. They all look the same. Also, if you don't get residence, look into AppleDorm. They offer accommodation somewhat close to school and it's the cheapest that I know of.

\$1200 for four months.

G) Work term (if applicable).

N/A

H) Other comments or recommendations.

So many hikes and nature here in Hong Kong. Must do dragons back trail, Sai Wan (hidden waterfalls), Lantau island (big Buddha and fishing village), Lamma island (fishing village), LKF (where all the clubs are), Wan Chai for ladies night (girls drink free, drinks at Devils is \$20HK for any drink), horse races on Wednesday, lions rock peak trail, Stanley market, Mong Kok (ladies market, temple market), TST (the view of the skyline), ozone bar (expensive drinks but great view of the city), Victoria Peak, and Ocean Park (amusement park). The best night out in Hong Kong is usually Wednesday night, and weekends are good too. The student bar is called billy boozers, and Monday nights is when the student specials are on. It is quite fun.

Go to Mr. Wongs for unlimited food and beer for \$60HK, super popular among exchange students. AC2 Canteen is arguably the best cafeteria on campus, and AC3 was my least favourite. There is an app called Open Rice in Hong Kong, and it's the best one for reading food reviews for restaurants based on your location. Super helpful when you are hungry and exploring!

Highly recommend going to mainland China (Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Shenzhen) to be able to compare Hong Kong to mainland China.

I) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.

This exchange is absolutely amazing. I have met such cool and interesting people, and everyone is here to have a good time. The weather is really hot and humid for the first two months, but its nice compared to back home. It is cheaper than back home, and being able to travel around Asia is so cool! Hong Kong is also very westernized, so its not as much of a shock as, for example, Beijing would be. There is so much to do in Hong Kong, you need the four months to truly be able to see the whole city.