

Mobility Scholarship Questionnaire

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

I am a 3rd year student and my program of study is International management with co-op option. I went on exchange during the Fall semester, from September 2017 until December 2017. The main reason why I decided to complete my exchange in Hong Kong is because China is the next superpower. Compared to China, Hong Kong is both very Western and Chinese. I wanted to learn more about the Chinese culture, doing business in China and in Asia, therefore my courses were mostly Asian themed. I took 5 courses in total which included 4 getaway education (GE) course, and one language class. I highly recommend taking GE courses because of the workload and also NO EXAMS!!

DESCRIPTION OF EACH COURSE: I will rate each course out of 5 smileys. The smileys represents my satisfaction of the course. I will also add one star which represents the level of difficulty. One star is a little bit difficult, and two stars is difficult (you need to pay attention in class)

GE2209- Market development in China 😊😊

This is a very easy class, we had 2 individual assignments (800-1000 words), a group report, and a group project. More than 50% of the students were exchange students. I was really excited to take this class because I was curious to know what we need to do in order to successfully enter the Chinese market.

GE1225- Become a Smart and Responsible Consumer 😊😊😊😊

Another very easy class, we had 1 individual assignment (800-1000 words), a group project and a presentation. This class was 80% locals and 20% exchange students. I really loved this class. Our professor was actually a PHD student and it was her second year teaching the course but she did an amazing job, by far my favourite professor. This is mostly a marketing class, I even used my old marketing notes for this class. NO EXAMS!

GE3204- Business and Hong Kong Society 😊😊😊😊😊 **

Honestly this was my favourite class. 80% were exchange students and 20% were locals. I really wanted to learn more about both the history and the business side of Hong Kong. Well this course gave me the best out of both worlds. I learned so much and I understand more the Hong Kong economic, and political system. However, we had a group report/presentation were it was quite hard. My group and I spent a lot of time researching and working on the report because we only had 2 evaluations. In this course we had a quiz (which is basically the exam) worth 40%, the report 20%, the presentation 20%, and

the online peer evaluation 20%. NO EXAM! I RECOMMEND EVERYONE TO TAKE THIS CLASS. Even though the quiz was 40% it was relatively easy!

GE2248- Understanding Persuasion in Everyday Life 😊😊😊*

I wasn't a huge fan of this class, this is another marketing class. In this class we had 60% locals and 40% exchange students. We had an individual report 3-4 pages worth 20%, a quiz worth 30%, in-class activities worth 20%, and the presentation worth 30%. This class was easy however the quiz was hard.

CAH2956- Mandarin for non-Chinese Speaker's 😊😊😊😊

I really enjoyed learning Mandarin and I intend to continue to learn the language. We had homework every week (which were not long at all), usually the professor will give us time in class to do it and even do it with us. We had 3 quiz (the professor will pick the best 2 out of 3) worth 40%, final quiz/exam worth 30%, homework worth 20% and participation worth 10%. Mandarin is a little bit hard but not harder than Cantonese, however I recommend practicing as much as you can because it will get harder. We learned 120 characters in total!

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.

MY SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
08:00-08:50							
09:00-09:50		17838 GE1225-S02 AC1 Y4302					
10:00-10:50							
11:00-11:50							
12:00-12:50		14253 GE3204-S01 AC1 LT-10					
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			17358 CAH2956-CP1 AC1 B5-310				
20:00-20:50							
21:00-21:50							
22:00-22:50							

My schedule was really good for traveling. I would mostly travel on Thursday morning and come back on Monday in the afternoon. Each class were 3 hours long, therefore I had 15 hours of school ever week. The semester officially starts on September 4 2017 until December 2 2017. City University does not have reading weeks, however we have a

week off (from Dec. 4 to 8) to study for the upcoming exams. Since I had no exams I finished on November 29, I had a whole month off and I took that time to travel around and also exploring Hong Kong. During the fall semester there's not a lot of holidays. We only had 2 which we had one day off on September 29 and one more day off on October 5 to celebrate mid-Autumn festival.

ARRIVAL

The university asked all students to arrive on the 28 of August. I arrived the day before and I stayed at a hotel for one night. From the hotel (in Sham Shui Po) I took the cab to the university and got dropped off in front of the Student Residence Office. I recommend students to arrive on the day you're supposed to arrive because the university offers free bus shuttles from the airport directly to the school. You will not only save money, but you will also get the chance to meet people!

RECEPTION

Once I arrived to school (around 8:30 am), I waited inside the multi-functional hall beside the student residence. We received our key card for our rooms, coupons to use for various canteen, and also flyers. From there, I dropped off my stuff in my room and went to the purple zone at AC1 to sign up for interesting stuff (calligraphy, international exchange student events, and tours)

ORIENTATION WEEK

Each faculty of the university organized their own orientation week which is held one week prior to the start of class. The orientation week was between August 28 and September 1. For the College of Business we had a lot of activities in order to get to know our future peers and the business school. The topics/activities included academic information, visa regulation, student life, clubs, scavenger hunt, lunch at the Chinese restaurant, technology support, signing up for future events, excursion, etc. I HIGHLY recommend students to attend the activities offered by the College of Business because you will meet future peers.

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.

- Upon arrival I had to check in into student residence. I highly recommend that you print out the document that the university will send you (confirmation of residence, how to get to places, etc.). For example you had to print out the email confirming your hall number and room because there's a QR Code which the volunteers will scan. You will receive your room key. Afterwards, you will receive a welcome pack which has the map of the school, a City university bag etc.

- There are two **MANDATORY SESSION** you will need to attend and sign up run by the college of business. Depending on your availability, you will need to choose which dates fits best.
- It is very important to get your **student card** because you will need it to enter your hall, the library, and other stuff. In the mandatory session, they will inform you how to get your student card.
- The **Octopus card** is something you should get as soon as you arrive in Hong Kong. This is like a U-pass/debit card, which you can use for transportation (MTR, BUS, mini bus, taxi, stores, restaurants, etc.) and you can also pay for everything when you use the Octopus card. As a student you will get 50% off for MTR, and a certain percentage on other stuff like groceries.
- For you **mobile phone** the best option is to get the China Mobile SIM card from 7/11. This is like a pay as you go card. You get unlimited data for 10 days (and minutes to text and call) for 5 CAD which comes to 15 CAD every month. Honestly you only need data because everyone uses WhatsApp, Snapchat and Facebook messenger.

Here was my schedule for all orientation events that were arranged by the College of Business

Date	Time	Events	Venue	Remarks
28, 29, 30, 31 of Aug Or 1 Sep (Fri)	10:00-12:30 Or 14:00-17:30	CB Welcoming Corner (Please drop by the Welcoming Corner at least once!)	7-218, 7/F, Lau Ming Wai Academic Building (AC3)	- Student helpers will help you with course registration - Sign up for One-day Trip and other activities
28 Aug (Mon)	PM	Exploration Tour	TBC	- Please refer to the ESC email for details
29 Aug 2017 (Tue)	14:15 – 17:30	Academic Advice Session & Meeting with Exchange Student Club (Session 1)*	3508, 3/F, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building (AC2)	- To meet with the CB-Internationalization Team and the Exchange Student Club. Academic advice and tips on studying at CityU/ living in HK will be given.

30 Aug 2017 (Wed)	10:00 – 11:30 11:45 – 14:00	CityU Orienteering Luncheon for Inbound Exchange Students	LT-401, 4/F, Amenities Building City Chinese Restaurant, 8/F, Amenities Building	- Limited seats; First- come, first-served - CityU Orienteering Game: Games for you to learn more about the CityU Campus
31 Aug 2017 (Thu)	14:15 – 17:30	Academic Advice Session & Meeting with Exchange Student Club (Session 2)*	LT-5, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building (AC1)	- To meet with the CB- Internationalization Team and the Exchange Student Club. Academic advice and tips on studying at CityU/ living in HK will be given.
1 Sep 2017 (Fri)	09:00 – 17:00	One-day Trip for Inbound Exchange Students	TBC	- Fee-paying activity - Sign-up & pay at the CB Welcoming Corner) - Limited seats

D) Budget 2017

Expenses	Cost for the entire exchange CAD
Residence	1 224\$
Airplane ticket	1 200\$
Food/groceries	1 000\$
Travel	1 300\$
Local transportation	250\$
Books	0
Phone	66\$
Total cost	5 040\$

It's important to note that you can survive with a small budget. Hong Kong is expensive compare to other countries in Asia, and you can find really good deals on food, souvenirs, clothes, etc. There are many local restaurants that are affordable. There is also 3 affordable big canteen at the school, and Homey Kitchen which is located next to residence. If you don't eat out all the time you can save a lot on food. I didn't really cook in residence because of space, time and also limited of utensils. Groceries is expensive in Hong Kong especially vegetables, cheese and fruits. However I will usually buy cereal, bread, and milk for breakfast that will last me for at least 2-3 weeks, and eat out for

dinner if ever I didn't cook. Additionally, the first couple weeks of school you will be tempted to spend A LOT OF MONEY, because there's various activities organize by both the College of Business and the Exchange Student Club. Also don't spend too much money on club events I recommend you to attend one event and that's it because it's not worth it. Finally for school, I didn't need to buy any manual expect for Mandarin. I was lucky and got the Mandarin book for free.

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

City University College of Business is excellent in helping exchange/international student with every single step of the process. The school contacted me in the beginning of March and I received all the information I needed such as my application, living expenses, arrival detail, departure detail and expected deadlines.

Information	Description	Deadline
Letter of acceptance	Letter of acceptance for your study in CityU. You will register as one of our inbound exchange students at the College of Business upon arrival	Early June
Student visa application	The College of Business will process your form and send the documents to the Hong Kong Immigration Department for approval	Early May
On campus/off campus accommodation	List of the pros and Cons of on campus vs. off campus accommodation	Early May
Approval of the student visa	The College of Business Exchange Office will inform you via email and send your visa approval letter and the visa label/visa permit to your correspondence address.	End of July
Course registration	You will need to choose 10 classes, and the CB will make your schedule.	Early May
Add & drop period	You will have the opportunity to change your schedule and your classes.	August 21 to September 11 2017
Accommodation	The Student Residence	Mid- June

	<p>Office will announce via email allocation result to all student applicants if they will stay in residence. If you are doing your Master's you will not stay in residence.</p>	
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F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing

During my exchange, I lived in residence located at 22, Cornwall Street, Kowloon. I had to share a room with another student, which had two beds, two desk, 2 cabinets, and AC. We also had to share the bathroom with 2 other students. In total we were 4 students sharing a bathroom. Each hall has a main common room on the ground floor and other common rooms on each floor.

H) Other comments or recommendations

- I recommend to take out a good amount of money every month. In Hong Kong you CANNOT use your debit card, people usually pay with cash or Octopus card. This will help you reduce ATM fees, and international fees.
- It is also important to have the Chinese address of your destination because most taxi drivers only speak Cantonese.
- Socialize and make local friends, **THEY KNOW WHERE TO GO**, they will give you advice and show you around Hong Kong.
- You will be tempted to spend your money in the first couple of days. There are so many club events, I recommend to attend only one because it's a great way to meet people but also there's other ways you can meet people without paying a lot of money.
- I also recommend student not to travel a lot during the holidays because plane tickets are VERY EXPENSIVE. I traveled a week after the mid-autumn festival and I saved 160 CAD for a round trip plane ticket. You should take those time and explore Hong Kong and how the locals celebrate their holidays.
- Bring good hiking/sport shoes and gear. Do hiking trails it's amazing, I did 7 hiking trails in Hong Kong.
- **BRING FALL CLOTHES!!!!** Fall jacket, long sleeves, hoody, it gets cold around mid-October and especially in December (**it's not only super-hot in Hong Kong**).
- Print a couple of passport picture because you will need that for the Octopus card, the student card, and also the Chinese, Cambodian, and Vietnamese visa if you are planning on visiting these countries.
- If you are only planning to visit Beijing, Shanghai and a couple of other cities in China as a Canadian you can apply for a **TRANSIT VISA** which is free, and you can only get 2 entry with a transit visa so pick your cities carefully!

D) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your Experience.

My experience in Hong Kong was amazing, I didn't really know what to expect in Hong Kong. I knew that there's a lot of skyscraper, and a little bit of nature. When I arrived and explored the island I was shocked to see how much green space Hong Kong has. There's over 50 islands, hiking trails, animals, etc. What also made this exchange incredible was the amount of people I met from different background. There was Germans, Spanish, Americans, Dutch, Indians, Chinese, local, Canadian, Filipinos, Australian, Danish, Sweden, and the list goes on. I not only learned about various countries, but I also met a couple of people that I know we will keep in touch. We are even talking about visiting each other in the upcoming years. I also made four local friends. Some locals are very shy and they don't really talk to you at first, but I had a different experience I met a couple and even travelled with one. The highlight of my exchange was when one of my local friends invited me to her home and I ate hot pot with her entire family! Additionally, I got the opportunity to travel around Asia such as Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, Macao, Beijing, Vietnam, Japan, etc. If you have the opportunity to go on exchange DO IT, don't even think twice.