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Accommodation

Corvinus have many different dormitories but there are usually 2 dormitories available for exchange students. One is Kinizsi and the other one is Raday, the former as I have heard is very dirty and old but luckily I lived in Raday which is the new one and also very close to the university with about 5 to 10-minute walking distance. My room is a triple room but there are 4-person room as well. The monthly fee is around 450 HKD per month (no need to pay utility) which is much cheaper than renting outside (250-300 euro). 2 rooms shared a toilet and there is 1 kitchen and 1 laundry room each floor. You do not need to pay when using the washing machine and there is also a tumbo dryer provided in your room. The dormitory even provides pillow and blanket. Everything is good though the wifi signal is not very good especially at night.

Transportation

The transportation in Budapest is actually quite cheap especially if you are a student. After getting the student card, you can buy the student monthly pass which allow you to take almost all forms of transportation within Budapest. I bought a 100-day pass which only cost me 10350 for it (300 HKD). Therefore, transportation fee is merely 100 HKD per month. But you must also remember to

bring the student card along with you when taking transportation or you may be fined if being caught.

Food

Since the price level in Hungary is very low (much lower than other European countries), the food is also not expensive. The Hungarian food would be more expensive but the Chinese food, Vietnam food and Turkish food are only around 20-40 HKD. The cheapest way to eat outside is to eat in Pizza King which is a fast food chain that only cost you around 5 HKD for a piece of pizza. In fact, Chinese restaurants are seen everywhere in Budapest and their food are quite tasty as well. The rice noodle in the Vietnam restaurant near the raday dormitory is also very yummy. Besides, the ice-cream shops in Budapest are very delicious, my favorite one is called Mamo which is near the raday dormitory. And I also like to cook with my roommates. I usually bought vegetables in the Central market near the Corvinus university and bought other groceries in CBA or Spar.

Courses I have taken

International Financial Institutions and nation states	It is a bit boring though not much workload. It is a class with only 10 students. But the professor was kind and his teaching is also inspiring.
SME Marketing	The workload is acceptable but the instruction from the professor is very vague.
Tourism management and marketing	There are 2 professors and both of them are very nice .The class is interesting with many interesting cases about tourism and do not have much workload.
Cross cultural communication and marketing	The workload is not heavy and there are many thought-provoking in-class

	activities. The professor is also very friendly.
Project Management	Heavy workload and it is inflexible that you have to meet the coordinator before you can start to do your group assignments each time. Besides, You can only miss one seminar and if you miss more than one you will fail the course.

Orientation Activities

The orientation activities are usually pub crawls or related to drinking. I joined some pub crawls during the first few days but since I am not keen on drinking, I skipped many others pub crawls activities. There are also orientation camp and the most popular one is the trip to Balaton Lake.

Finance and Banking

It is very easy to find ATM with Union pay logo on it. However, there would be service charge per transaction of HKD 20. But if you are living in dormitory, you need to have a local Hungarian account to pay the dormitory fee. The most dominant bank there is OTP bank.

International Services and Activities

There are some cultural activities organized like international food night which allows students from all around the world can gather and share the food of their own culture.

Sports and Recreation Activities

As I have observed, there are not much sports and recreation activities organized for the international student. Therefore, I joined a soccer team outside the university.

