

# Exchange Report

## University of Manitoba – Winter 2018



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## Monthly Actives Log

### January



After spending the night for 2018's countdown in Vancouver, I arrived Winnipeg on the first of January. My exchange buddy came to pick us up and gave us a ride back to the residence. As the orientation day and the semester started right away, I haven't got the chance to travel around the city before that. For AIMS, they brought all of the exchange students from different countries to Assessippi Ski Hill for the Integration Weekend. And my friend and I used a day to learn ski and we managed to skied on a blue diamond trail when it was our first try. We spent our first month in socials and orientation activities.



## February



Having the semester started, I visited different places in Winnipeg and learnt how to skate on a frozen red river, which is the longest natural ice range for ice-skating. In the spring break, I joined a hiking road trip to Banff and Jasper organized by the U of M Park's Club. It was a great opportunity to know people from different background and travel around Canada in a rather economic way. The trip brought me to 3 different provinces which were Calgary, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We stayed at different cities and the trip was amazing. Remember to get to their Facebook pages for the details and there are only limited quotas.



## March



Midterms were approaching and I finished my midterm at the first week of March. Therefore, I got the chance to visit Yellowknife with my friends. We stayed for 4 nights and we could see aurora appeared every night even at our stay in the hostel. It was truly incredible and local night tours brought us to the country side to have the best view. Luckily, we saw pink aurora and dancing aurora on our final night. Before exams, my friend and I also had a road trip to Grand Forks in the U.S. for a well-known restaurant.

## April



Projects were presented at the last two weeks of semester and exams were right after my last lesson. I studied hard and prepared for my exams. Having farewell dinners with all the new friends and saying goodbye to them was the saddest moment and I definitely miss them a lot. After the semester ended, me and my friends drive to Minneapolis to visit the Mall of America, which is the biggest shopping mall in the States. Afterwards, we travelled around the America before getting back to Hong Kong.

## General Exchange Information

### Visa Procedures

If you are holding HKSAR passport, a visa is not required to stay within 180 days' Canada. However, you need to apply for eTA before you arrive Canada and keep the email for reference.

### Orientation Activities

There are orientation activities before the first day of class. Therefore, make sure you arrive before the orientation day. You can get to know all of the exchange student at the same time and some relevant information. For AIMS, this society would organize orientation activities for exchange student at the first week of semester.

### International Services & Activities

AIMS will also assign you two to three exchange buddies and you can join those activities organized by AIMS e.g. ski trip.

### Accommodations

For accommodation, I chose to stay at AVM since all of my classes were located at the Drake Centre. It only takes 3 minutes to walk to the back door of Drake Centre, the business school, through Pembina Hall (P Hall). And this could help a lot in the winter as this is the nearest residence to Drake and you can walk indoor. All rooms in AVM are single rooms with doubled bed, and share a toilet and a kitchen with another room in the suite. AVM is the only hall without a mandatory meal plan, so you can save a lot by cooking and eat various food on Pembina Highway.

### Courses Registration

For SBM students, you can find Amber for help if you encounter problems related to class registration or administration. You seek help from Amber as soon as she contacts you by email. She can help you to exclude most of the course prerequisites and work on the enrollment of classes.

### Teaching & Assessment Methods

ACC 2020 (ACCT 3020) Wendy Schultz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 Wiley Plus Online Assignment (10%, at least 1% to pass)</li><li>• Midterm (40%)</li><li>• Final exam (50%)</li></ul>
ACC 3040 (ACCT 3210) Amit Sethi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 group homework (5%)</li><li>• 1 group case presentations (5%)</li><li>• 1 hour in-class test (10%)</li><li>• Midterm (35%)</li><li>• Final exam (45%)</li></ul>

MKT 4270 (MARK 4000 level) Brock Cordes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (10%)</li> <li>• 2 Individual Cases (20%)</li> <li>• Group Project (25%)</li> <li>• Midterm (15%)</li> <li>• Final Exam (30%)</li> </ul>
MKT 3230 (MARK 3420) Jason J. Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (15%)</li> <li>• Group Project (15%)</li> <li>• Midterm (35%)</li> <li>• Final Exam (35%)</li> </ul>
SOC 2330 (SOSC 1850)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONLINE COURSE</li> <li>• 3 TEST (75%, @25%)</li> <li>• Final Take Home Exam (25%)</li> </ul>

### Sports & Recreation Facilities

U of M have a huge gym with three floors but it requires exchange students C\$80 per term.

### Finance & Banking (including currency / expenses)

For people holding HKSAR passport, you better open a CIBC student bank account in Hong Kong. Then you can just transfer the money to your bank account and get the debit card at the branch. CIBC is the only bank which has ATMs on campus, and you do not have to pay the handling fee for getting cash by using CIBC card from CIBC ATM. Winnipeggers just use a debit card for expenses except for ice-cream shops. A Canadian dollar is around HK\$ 6, and sales tax in Manitoba is 13% while other provinces are 5-15%.

### Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

Apart from AIMS, Commerce Students' Association will hold some activities to connect other Asper students. Some associations for students of different countries and they will hold party on almost every Friday night.

### Health & Safety

For exchange student, you cannot apply for a health card, so probably you need to pay for your medical treatment and claim it back from insurance company. UM has health and dental clinics located conveniently on campus.

### Food

The cost of having a lunch in the campus food court is around C\$10 to C\$15. North America has a tipping culture and waiters rely on your tips for living. In Canada, people usually pay at least 10% tips (before tax) if someone serves you in a restaurant. Therefore, people usually cook at home in order to save money. They prefer to buy ingredients from the Real Canadian Superstore than Walmart since they offer a better

quality. They will also shop in Costco if they own its membership card. As Costco provides bunk purchase with lower average price.

### Transportation

To get around in campus, walking in tunnels is the best way to keep you warm. For your travel in the city, you could ask for opting-in U-pass scheme at the Answer counter in the 1/F of University Centre. It costs you around C\$120/term for the unlimited bus ride. Also, the Transit application would allow you to know the bus schedules, so you don't have to wait for the bus in the freezing weather.

### Climate

Wind-chill temperature can reflect the temperature that your body actually feels. Wind-chill is from  $-44^{\circ}\text{C}$  in January to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  in April. Sunny days are often while snow is also a norm. Indoor heaters keep you dry and warm, therefore, bring some face moisturizer with you. Also, remember to dress like onion layers so you could take off the outer layers when you are staying indoor. In cold days, you should cover your ears by knit cap and tuck your socks into your long underpants. Uniqlo ultra-heat-tech underwear keeps you warm in those windy days. Thick boots are preferred for walking in thick snow.

### Communication

I joined the C\$48 plan (including tax C\$54) in Fido with country-wide 7 GB data with unlimited calling. Campus and shopping malls have Wi-Fi so phone plans are optional if you just stay in Winnipeg. To activate your C\$50 printing quota, go to the computer lab in Drake Centre and seek help from a staff. Then you can log in with your account and do the printing.

### Cautionary measures

In the northern Winnipeg, there are gangs and you should avoid going there by yourself. Please reject the beggars to avoid getting into trouble. Keep your eyes on your drinks in the bars and cover them when you move.

### Items to Bring

Passport	eTa	Laptop	Portable Charger	Body & Face Lotion	Earphone
Adaptor	Camera	Formal Outfit	Sweater	Heat-Tech	Warm Socks
Ski-Pants	Knit Cap	Thick Layer Gloves	Medicine	Calculator	Scarf
Jacket	Water Bottle	Slippers	Hoodies	Toe Warmers	T-shirts for Indoor

## Useful Links and Contacts

### **Residence Portal:**

<https://starrez-app.cc.umanitoba.ca/StarRezPortal>

### **Aurora (SIS in UM):**

<https://aurora.umanitoba.ca>

### **UM Learn (Canvas in UM):**

<https://universityofmanitoba.desire2learn.com>

### **Tunnel Map:**

<https://www.umanitoba.ca/about/map/tunnels/>

**24 hours Campus Security:** +1 (204) 474-9312