# Shanghai Jiao Tong University (上海交通大学)

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# Fall 2018 Exchange Report





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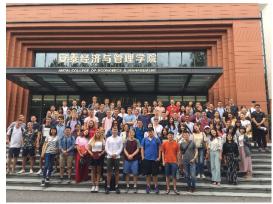
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## Part 1 – Monthly Activity Log

### September

At Pudong International Airport (PVG), I took the Maglev and Metro to get to Shanghai Jiao Tong University. It is important to get off and change at the Maglev when there is a circular sign on the diagram, or the train will go back to where you came from. I bought a Shanghai Public Transportation Card at an auto-issuance machine using the UnionPay card I had from Hong Kong. I arrived at the Xuhui campus on the first date the dormitory accepted check-in, which is probably a good idea to get set up. I installed the Wi-Fi router for my room, and topped up my electricity bill. Antai and SJTU both conduct orientation; it might be a good place to meet fellow exchange students. Getting a phone number via on-campus promotion venues was much cheaper. Make sure you create a jAccount before course registration; you also use your jAccount to use the "SJTU" Wi-Fi on campus. I visited the Bund (外滩) near East Nanjing Road station, which is reminiscent of Victoria Harbour in HK.





#### October

The week of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> is Golden Week, and for 2018, make up classes for Monday and Friday of that week were conducted on the Saturday and Sunday just before, so that we could take the entire week off. It is a great time to travel, but since I do not enjoy travelling so much, I just stayed at my dorm and took a break. If you plan to travel outside of China, make sure you apply 7 days ahead for additional entry(s) for your X2 visa if it says "Single" entry.



I also participated in cultural activities conducted by Antai for foreign students, such as palm leaf plaiting and Chinese paper cutting classes.



#### November

I joined a complimentary day trip to Nianhuawan (拈花湾) organized by Antai, and it was decent. We had a fair lunch and also walked around the water garden.

I received an interview in HK at this time and tried to get an entry added to my X2 visa, but the expected processing time was after the date of the interview. For international students who haven't secured a job offer for the upcoming summer/after graduation, I strongly suggest trying to find a travel agency that can help you get a multiple-entry X2 visa or a residence permit. Or else, it is possible to just leave China and get another X2 reissued outside of China, but that will cost some extra time outside of China, during which you will not be able to attend classes. Other than that, I was also going through some midterms and group presentations at this time.



#### December

I confirmed that the air pollution (PM2.5) is pretty severe during the winter, which is around end of November till the end of exchange. I advise you bring some good masks, N95/FFP2 or N100/FFP3 grade, for your respiratory health. Also, if you would like to look around Shanghai or the Chinese cities near the coast, it would be best to travel around September – mid-November to avoid the pollution in winter. The weather got quite chilly.

#### January

Final exams for Fall semester are conducted till mid-January. I took the exams and flew back to Korea to take a break before Spring Semester in HKUST started.

# Part 2 – General Exchange Information

### 1) Visa Procedures

If you are a HK Permanent Resident, you may obviously use the Return Home Permit (回 乡证), but if you are an international student, Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU) will send the Acceptance letter along with the JW202 form (be sure to check in with GSPO when it is about time for the documents to arrive). You may fill out the JW202 and also fill in the application form online and export it as a PDF (seems like this function is disabled for the HK website though).

Normally for a study period of less than 6 months, the X2 visa is issued, and it is only single-entry, meaning you would have to apply for another X2 visa if you ever leave China in the middle of the semester. Normal application takes about 3 business days to process. I submitted my passport along with the application form I filled out online and also a copy of the Acceptance Letter, the JW202 and my passport. You should need a photo "taken within six months" to put on your application form as well.

### 2) Orientation Activities

Like you, since I am a business student, I was enrolled under the Antai College of Economics and Management (ACEM). We had our College orientation on the Saturday that we arrived, where we were introduced to some basic information such as course registration, the Campus Card and transit buses between Minhang and Xuhui campuses.

#### 3) International Services and Activities

You will get an Exchange Buddy who may help you with questions and course registration. Also, there are various Chinese courses offered, with 8 hours offered free due to our university level exchange agreement. There are culture related activities prepared for Antai Foreign Students, such as paper cutting, bamboo leaf plaiting, making leather cases and pottery.

#### 4) Accommodations

There are two campuses Minhang and Xuhui, and in Xuhui there are two international dorms, Lian Xing (联兴) and Tao Li Yuan (桃季苑). Tao Li Yuan is newer, so you will enjoy better quality accommodation if you choose it. Most of the courses you take should be at the Xuhui campus, so it would be good to get a dormitory at Lian Xing or Tao Li Yuan. I believe for HK/Mainland students, they will be provided a dorm by SJTU without charge, but since I am an international student, I was required to reserve and pay for the room by

myself. Make sure you reserve the room as soon as the reservation portal opens up, since it is quite competitive and it would be troublesome to look for off-campus accommodation. Also, the system requires you to pay for the reservation in 24 hours, so do prepare a card that has sufficient limit/balance to avoid payment issues. I was living on the first floor of Lianxing; I suggest you don't choose the first floor of Lianxing as you can hear people talking in the hallway. My room's ceiling leaked water as well, which was a bit of a pain.

### 5) Course Registration

I will append a guideline on how to use the course registration system. Generally, if you couldn't get into a course, the coordinator might be able to help you register into it. Just keep reaching out if there are any issues.

## 6) Teaching and Assessment Methods

The ground rule is that you need to attend 1/3 of lectures to sit the final exam. Assessment methods are similar to norms, homework sets, quizzes, midterm/final exams and team projects. For the table below, round down any decimal points. (e.g.  $94.9 \rightarrow 94$ )

Grade	A+	Α	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C-	D	F
Point	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1	0
Score	≥ 95	90-94	85-89	80-84	75-79	70-74	67-69	65-66	62-64	60-61	≤ 59

### 7) Sports and Recreation Facilities

There is a running track and sports ground similar to HKUST on Xuhui campus, as well as a pay-to-use gym. I heard there is a free gym in Minhang campus.

#### 8) Finance and Banking (including currency / expenses)

After registration, you are required to go to ACEM to get your Campus Card (Student ID) and bank card. They provided me with a Bank of China debit card, which I activated by visiting the Bank of China near the Xuhui campus. Expenses are very acceptable for an exchange semester; the dorm is cheaper, the food (especially on campus) is cheap (8-16 RMB per meal on campus), and traveling inside Mainland china is also quite affordable. I would plan about 4000RMB per 3~5day trip to a city not near Shanghai, and 50~150RMB/day should be enough for daily expenses.

### 9) Communication

If you plan to make excursions outside of the campus, it would be better if you speak Chinese. Similar environment to Hong Kong, I would say.

### 10) Social Clubs and Networking Opportunities

If you strictly take English-taught courses, there would be limited chances to interact with the Chinese students. You may attend some buddy program to make some Chinese friends or just keep together with exchange students.

## 11) Health and Safety

Shanghai is quite safe in my view, just don't party too hard in clubs as the quality of the free alcohol they provide would be subaverage.

### 12) Food

Food is plentiful and relatively cheap to Hong Kong. You may try to find some good restaurants using Dianping/Google or the canteen food is fine too (although sometimes it can be too sweet/salty). You may order delivery food on Ele.me or Meituan.

### 13) Transportation

There are bicycle rental apps such as Ofo and Mobike for close locations (I never registered for them though). You may use Meituan/Didi/Alipay to call taxis as well. Metro is also cheap, around 2~6RMB per ride, and for longer distances, you can take the train (tickets.

#### 14) Climate

It is less humid and cooler than in Hong Kong, you should prepare accordingly. Also, you might prepare some N95 masks for the more polluted days.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max Daily Avg (°C)	5°C	8°C	13°C	20°C	25°C	28°C	30°C	30°C	26°C	20°C	13°C	7°C
Min Daily Avg (°C)	-5°C	-2°C	3°C	9°C	14°C	18°C	21°C	20°C	16°C	10°C	3°C	-2°C
Avg Precipitation (°C)	21	29	46	70	101	134	156	140	85	49	29	17

Source: https://www.tianqi.com/qiwen/city\_shanghai/

## 15) Courses Taken

Code	SJTU Name	Cr	HKUST Code	HKUST Name	Cr
FI410	Corporate Finance	3	FINA3303	Intermediate Corporate Finance	3
FI307	Fixed Income Securities Analysis	3	FINA4303	Fixed Income Securities	3
ET311	International Investment	3	-	-	3
EC341	International Economics (2)	2	ECON4374	International Macroecon & Finance	4
BU411	Cross-cultural Management	3	MGMT4230	International Management	4

# Part 3 - Items to Bring

□ Cash
$\square$ Offer Letter from SJTU (and the JW202 form if you are an international student)
☐ Electric Adapter for Mainland China
☐ Clothes (Refer to 12.Climate of Part 2)
☐ Credit/Debit card linked to home bank account to spend/withdraw money
☐ Emergency Medicine
☐ Laptop (Install some VPN if possible – Chrome has some VPN extensions)
☐ Mask (N95/N100)
$\square$ Phone (with <i>at least</i> free VPN apps installed like Thunder VPN, VPN 360, Betternet)

- Alipay (支付宝)
- WeChat (微信)
- Gaode Map (高德地图)
- Baidu Map (百度地图)
- Taobao (手机淘宝)
- MetroMan
- ELeMe (饿了么)
- Meituan (美团)
- Dianping (大众点评)
- DiDi (滴滴出行)
- Mobike
- One-Stop Service App (QR Code on the right for room electricity top-up)



# Part 4 - Useful Links and Contacts

## **Course Equivalence Database (HKUST):**

https://crtran.ust.hk/credit instit?orgID=B0271

#### Medical Insurance Purchase:

If you are only at SJTU for one semester, the insurance that HKUST provides you <u>might waive</u> the requirement. It is possible to purchase the insurance on the registration day, so it should be best not to purchase the insurance in advance. If you wish to buy online: <a href="http://en.lxbx.net/">http://en.lxbx.net/</a> or <a href="htt

### **Update Overseas Contact (HKUST SBM):**

https://ug.bm.ust.hk/ug/advising/MyOverseasContact.aspx

#### **China Visa Application Service Center (application form):**

I do not know about the application procedures within HK, but usually The China Visa Application Service Center handles visa applications on behalf of the Chinese Embassy.

http://www.visaforchina.org/SGP EN/System/258214.shtml

jAccount Application Link (the name you use should be the same name as on campus card):

https://jaccount.sjtu.edu.cn/profile/#/apply

Course Registration ("统一身份认证快速登录入口"):

http://electsys.sjtu.edu.cn/edu/

#### **Course Search:**

http://electsysq.situ.edu.cn/ReportServer/Pages/ReportViewer.aspx?%2fExamArrange%2fLessonArrangeForOthers&rs:Command=Render

#### Address:

Xuhui: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, No.1954, Huashan Rd. Shanghai, China (ZIP: 200030)

Minhang: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, No.800, Dochuan Rd. Shanghai, China (ZIP: 200240)

If you have any questions, contact me via the SBM office (bmugexch@ust.hk) or ITSC e-mail.

## **Appendix: Course Registration System**

1. Log in with your jAccount

http://electsys.sjtu.edu.cn/edu/login.aspx

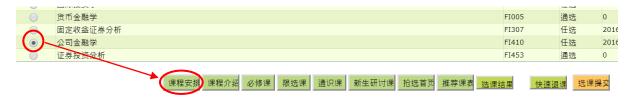
2. 一专选课 → 第三轮 → 任选课



3. 安泰经济与管理学院 → 查询



## 4. Select the course you wish to enroll and press 课程安排



## 5. Select the slot you desire and press 选定此教师



If the last column (orange box) says 人数未满, it means there is still quota left, but if it is 人数满, it is full already.

## 6. Press 选课提交 to submit the request



You may repeat step 5 for all courses you want and press 选课提交 once, or press 选课提交 as often as you want. Pressing this finalizes the request, so it is safer, but every time you press it you will be taken to the first page so it will slow you down in choosing other courses.