
Exchange Report

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Part I Monthly Activity Log

December 2019

Before I went to Kingston, I had gone to Toronto with other exchange buddies. We have travelled many places, such as University of Toronto, Queen's Park and Eaton Centre. Eaton Centre is the largest shopping mall in Eastern Canada, where you can buy the item needed before you went to Kingston. On December 31, I had gone to City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square for countdown. Actually we had planned activities on the next day. However, almost every shop in the town had been closed. Therefore if you plan to go any market, you better go there before New Year's Eve.



January 2020

I joined the orientation day carried by Smith School of Business. In the activities, you could meet with exchange buddies worldwide. It was a great start for you to expand social circle in Canada. Besides, I had opened a bank account on that day. It was convenient to use debit card when you travelled Canada. I had also joined activities initiated by Queen's University International Centre. I and my HKUST exchange friends gone to Montreal on 24 January. There were many spectacular churches.



February 2020



The happiest day in February was joining the curling game. It was also initiated by Queen's University International Centre. I learnt how to sweep the ice and sliding the rock in this activities. There was a study break before the midterm. Therefore I went to Québec with my Korean friend. There were restaurant which serving the traditional Quebec dishes. And my favorite dessert there was the maple syrup pie.



March 2020

I was studying in March to prepare the final exam in April. At last, due to the coronavirus, all the final exams were changed into online mode. Therefore I left Canada and ended my exchange.



Part II General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

eTa is required to enter Canada. It is a simple procedure for Hong Kong citizens. When I filled in all the information on the eTa website, I got the confirmation letter immediately. You just need to print the letter out and show it to the officer.

Orientation Activities

They were carried out before the start of the semester. Moreover the orientation day is compulsory. The student ambassadors will show you the school around. Besides, there was an information session, they will tell you how to register the programs and the networking activities in the future.

Food

There are many different kinds of cuisine in Downtown Kingston. You can download Yelp to search for restaurants nearby.

There was a month that I paid full attention on my exam. I just went out eat twice a month. At last I just spent HK\$2500.

Transportation

With the student card, you can take buses in Kingston for free. People usually took Megabus or VIA rail to Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. Megabus is cheaper while VIA rail is more expensive but more comfortable. With limited budget, you can go USA by Megabus. However, it is really exhausting. For me, I went to Toronto by Megabus and then went to USA by flight. When I travelled outside Kingston, I normally took buses or uber.

Climate

It was freezing in Kingston. Remember to bring enough clothes and waterproof boot. Someone have said it is cheaper to buy Timberland in Canada. However, I bought my Timberland on Sogo sales. It was even cheaper than in Canada. To save money, jot down the sales days and go buy the clothes you needed.

Communication

I bought 5 sim card before I went to Canada. There are two types of monthly sim cards. You can make a call with the more expensive one. For me, I recommend buying the more expensive one since you can call uber when you travelled. And the price difference is only HKD 10.

Teaching & Assessment Methods

Course

Assessment Methods

COMM328 (FINA 4403)
International Finance

- Class participation
- Case analysis
- Midterm
- Final exam
- Best score of two exams

COMM329 (FINA 4503)
Management of Financial Institutions

- Class participation
- Case analysis
- Midterm
- Final exam

COMM322 (FINA 3303)
Advanced Corporate Finance

- Class participation
- Case analysis
- Midterm
- Final exam

PHIL361 (HUMA 1000)
Introduction to Logic
(eqv code: PHIL260)

- Quiz
- Midterm
- Final exam

ECON348 (ECON 4254)
Law and Economics

- Quiz
 - Homework
 - Midterm
 - Final exam
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Part III ITEMS TO BRING

- **Charger**
- **Thick Clothes**
- **Waterproof Boot**
- **Cash**
- **Adapter**
- **Mobile phone**
- **Laptop**
- **Business suits**
- **Thick Gloves**
- **Umbrella**
- **Stationery**
- **Body lotion**
- **Contact lenses**
- **Moisturizer**
- **Winter Warm Face mask**
- **Sim card**
- **Passport**
- **eTa conformation letter**
- **Queen's Acceptance letter**
- **Bed Sheet**

Part IV USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

Facebook

Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)

For school activities

Queen's University - Off-Campus Housing

You can rent house there