



# EXCHANGE REPORT

University of Exeter  
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2022/01 – 2022/06

By the program offered by HKUST, SBM

# Part I: Monthly log

## Mid Jan – Mid Feb:

Departed from Hong Kong, transferred at Singapore and arrived at UK Heathrow airport.

Settling down in Exeter's accommodation.

Took part in several events held by various student societies, including IKEA visits and campus trip.

Had the first lectures in all my four enrolled courses.

Got familiar with the campus, the area around my accommodation, and the city center.

## Mid Feb – Mid Mar:

Had my first short trip to South Hampton, a small city near Exeter. The trip lasts for three days.

Continued on attending lectures, doing homework and prepare for mid-term exam.

Had many sessions of the poker tournament held by Exeter Uni Poker Society.

Had my second trip to Manchester and York. The trip took around a week during holidays.

## Mid Mar – Mid Apr:

Studied for the final half month – before 4.1, including remaining lectures and group projects.

Continued on poker tournaments. Attended the battle of bands event.

The Easter holiday lasted from 4.1 – 4.31.

Had my third trip to London. Lasted for five days.

## Mid Apr – Mid May:

Prepared for exams in May.

## Mid May – Mid Jun:

Study for other subject. Prepare for CFA.

Returned to Hong Kong at Jun 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Part II: General Exchange Information

**Visa process:** University of Exeter gives CES for students to apply for student visa. In addition, if you want to travel to Europe and you are not a Hong Kong permanent residence, you better apply for a Schengen visa before your departure.

**Orientation activities:** not much in UoE. Only a few at the start of semester like campus tour and IKEA visit.

**Accommodations:** I took the offered university accommodation. The experience is on average level.

**Course registration:** four courses. Remember to check the credit transfer database and do proper planning.

**Teaching and assessment methods:** similar to HKUST.

**Finance and banking:** only a few GBP cash exchange for emergency is recommended. Most cash flow need can be fulfilled through credit card, including most Hong Kong VISA cards.

**Social clubs and networking opportunities:** a lot of clubs to join and fun experience.

**Health and safety:** be careful of Covid.

**Food:** not much good food on campus. I bought some kitchenware and cook my own food. And it's way cheaper.

**Climate:** way colder and drier than Hong Kong. From January to June, you don't need to bring a lot summer wears.

## Part III: Items to bring

- All documents, including: passport, vaccination proof, visa related files, IDs, HKUST offer, CAS
- Beddings, if you don't plan to buy there
- Clothes for winter, including: jacket and sweater
- All electronic devices: including: mobile, pad, laptop, camera and their charger

## Part IV: Useful links and contacts

### UK student visa apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply>

### University of Exeter module information:

<http://business-school.exeter.ac.uk/study/international/modules/>

### International student information page:

<http://business-school.exeter.ac.uk/study/international/>

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