



Exchange Report

Fall Term 2022-23

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1. Monthly Activity Log



September 2022

I arrived in Exeter on 18th September for the coming orientation week. The term started one week after my arrival. I attended the orientation talks and have a walk in the campus. There are many societies promoting their events in the campus. Many of the societies provided taster session, which required booking in advance. I met some friends in the accommodation, and we explore Exeter together during the first week. We went to the IKEA, the Quay, Exeter Cathedral, etc.

October 2022

I travelled to cities nearby, including Bristol, Bath, and Cardiff, during weekends with my friends. These places are worth-going for one day trips.

Halloween is near, so I went to pumpkin picking with my flat mates. We also carved the pumpkin together.



November 2022

During reading week, I travelled to Switzerland with one of my friends. After returning to Exeter, I started working for my assignments and preparing the mid-term exam.

I also walked around the city center and had dinners with my flat mates during the weekdays.

December 2022

This was the last month of class. I look pictures in the university, also took photo with the UoE stone and bought the university zip hoodie.

Christmas was coming so there were some markets in Exeter, like the Winter Wonderland and the Christmas market in front of the Exeter Cathedral. Everyone was in a festive mood, and there were many decorations on



the street.

During the long winter break, I travelled to Italy with my friend and returning to Exeter in the end of December to prepare for my final exam.

You can see fireworks outside JOC in the new year eve.



January 2023 (Exam)

Final exam period is in January, after the winter break. The format of the exam varies. One of my exams take place on campus like normal exam, while another is an online exam with time limits.

I left Exeter on 12th January and left the UK on 15th January after a short trip to London.

2. General Study Abroad Information

1. Visa Procedures

HKSAR passport holders are not required to apply for any visa in advance. But you need to have your acceptance letter, and any other important documents with you.

2. Orientation Activities

Orientation events were hold in the freshers' week. Activities including campus tour, IKEA tour, orientation talks, societies' taster sessions, etc.

3. International Services and Activities

There were some events organized by the Globe Café Exeter for international students only and are all free of charge. You can find them on social medias and physically in campus.

4. Accommodations

You can apply for university accommodation before the deadline stated in email. For 1-semester exchange students, only James Owen Court is available, and it is self-catered. I'd recommend you apply as earlier as you can, as there are limited offers.

5. Course Registration

You must study 60 Exeter modules in one semester. It is usually equal to four modules. You need to enroll by filling in an online form. For swapping and dropping modules, you can also fill in online form. The forms could be found in the university website and be aware of the add-drop deadline!

6. Teaching & Assessment Methods

Teaching and assessment methods are similar to HKUST. You can check on the module page before register any modules.

7. Finance & Banking

I used the HSBC world debit card during my exchange, no transaction fee will be charged. But you need to change your SMS receiving number to your UK phone number in advance.

8. Climate

Raining is quite often in autumn and winter, but umbrella is not that useful as it is also windy. You can prepare waterproof jacket with hat. You will also need enough jackets or heattech to keep you warm.

9. Health & Safety

You can buy medicine in stores like Boots or Tesco if you need. It is usually safe in Exeter, but you should also be aware when going out at

night or alone. There might be some homeless people or drunk person in the street.

10. Food

There are many restaurants in Exeter, in a wide variety. Yet they are usually expensive. You can buy ingredients from supermarkets, like Tesco, M&S, and Iceland nearby, and cook by yourself.

11. Transportation

You can get to most of the places like city center, the Quay and campus by walking. If you need to go to other cities, bus and train services are available. Remember to check the strike schedule on the GWR website before buying tickets.

12. Communication

I bought the 3UK sim card with data plan, with 50 GB data and unlimited phone calls and SMSs. You can also buy sim card from other operators like Vodafone, Giffgaff, etc.

13. Sports & Recreation Facilities

You can join the taster sessions first and join the sports team you like. There are also gym facilities in the town.

14. Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

You can have a look at the societies' booth during freshers' week. You can also follow Exeter Students' Guild on social media to get updated information about social events.

15. Cautionary Measures

It is usually safe in Exeter, but you should also be aware when going out at night or alone. Better go with a group of people if you have to go out at night.

3. Items to bring

- Documents and essentials
 - Passport
 - Acceptance letter
 - Cash
- Clothes
 - Scarf, Gloves
 - Jackets
 - Hoodies
 - Shoes
 - Socks
- Bedroom and bathroom
 - Medicine
 - Toothbrush and towels
 - Lotion and cream
- Electronic
 - Laptop
 - Chargers
 - iPad
 - Adaptors

4. Useful Links and Contacts

- iExeter
<https://i.exeter.ac.uk/campusm/home#menu>
- University of Exeter
<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/>
- Trainline
<https://www.thetrainline.com>
- National Express
<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>
- FlixBus
<https://global.flixbus.com>