

Exchange Report

Fall 2023

The University of Warwick
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Monthly Activity Log

Write a log of one paragraph for each month highlighting some of your interesting exchange experiences, activities, impressions & places of interest. Please describe your study, learning and life experience. This section should be at least 600 words long.

September

Fall term started late September this year. After spending a week in London with my friend, I headed to my dorm at Warwick on the last day of the move-in weekend. Warwick was located in Coventry and I had to take a 1.5 hour train to get to Coventry city centre first then an uber ride to the campus. I arrived in Warwick at 11pm but the check-in was smooth and expeditious with help from school staff.

Freshers' week started right after the move-in weekend. There were a bunch of orientation activities organised by school and different societies. I attended the welcome talk organised by WBS, society fair and scheduled a session with my personal tutor. I also met exchange students from other universities during orientation. It was a great chance to meet people who are from different parts of the world and potentially you can get to know your travel buddy or classmates there.

October

We officially kicked off our term right after Freshers' week. Fall term was only 10 weeks so the modules were quite intensive. If you miss one lecture, you would want to catch up with the content real quick as they would start a completely different topic next week. The workload was quite manageable as we didn't have a lot of quizzes/midterms like the courses in HKUST business school, we only had one weekly lecture and one weekly seminar(which means tutorial) for each module and instructors would simply assign small tasks every week which essentially would just guide you to finish your final essay.

I travelled a bit in October. I went to Oxford to visit my friend who studies there. Their campus is really pretty and I am sure you won't be disappointed if you are into classic elegant British architecture. There are certain buildings you need to buy a ticket to get into, but it won't be a problem if you have friends studying at the University of Oxford to tour you around. I also took a week off to go on a trip to Italy with my newly met exchange friends. We went to Milan, Venice and Rome. It was spectacular and everything was just so cheap compared to the UK. I had to say Italy is still my favourite after travelling around Europe and you should definitely take the chance to go.

November

As we were in the second half of the term, things started to get more and more intense. A lot more assignments kicked in and we were working towards the draft of our final essays. I did not travel much during November but did go to London a few times to hang out with friends and visit an exchange friend at LSE. I started to enjoy the tranquil village life at Warwick where cooking my own meal became an essential part of my life. I took the chance to bond with flatmates. We had a very diverse mix of ethnicities at the dorm and it served as a wonderful opportunity to get to know people from different cultural backgrounds and understand what's going on in different parts of the world. We went grocery shopping and cooked together in our common area and it was a lot of fun. We also went to Leamington Spa approaching the end of November to prepare for Christmas and to see Christmas lights. It was a vibrant neighbourhood where you can shop and try out different cuisines.

December

Fall term ended on 9th December. As I did not enrol in any course with a final exam, I was just working on my final projects or essays to wrap up the term.

Please briefly describe the visa application procedures, including

- 1) Type of passport/travel document you are holding**
- 2) Type of visa you are required**
- 3) Required documents**
- 4) Visa fees**

As I hold a HKSAR passport and I had no intention to take part in any internship, I did not apply for visa.

What are the course(s) that you have enrolled at the host institution?

IB3P10: Applications of Behavioural Economics

IB3L40: Lean Start-up

IB3H80: Leadership

IB2400: Managing Work and Employment

IB2D7-15: Management in Practice

EN123: Modern World Literatures

Please briefly describe the course registration procedures, such as

- 1) When did you receive the course registration details**
- 2) What is the course registration procedures**
- 3) Where can you access information related to course registration (e.g. websites)**

We received course registration quite early approaching the end of Spring term at HKUST. WBS has its own registration system and if you want to enrol in courses offered by other departments you will need to fill out the unusual option form. Warwick will notify you details of course registration once enrolled.

Where did you live during the program?

On-campus student dormitory offered by the host institution

Please briefly describe the accommodation at the host destination, including

- 1) What type of accommodation**
- 2) What is the application procedures (If you are staying at accommodation offered by the host institution)**
- 3) How did you search for the accommodation and where did you book your accommodation (If you need to arrange your own accommodation)**
- 4) Facilities in the accommodation**

I stayed at Sherbourne which is quite far away from central campus but very close to the gym. They have their own allocation system and you just need to submit your preference. Sherbourne is all en-suite where you can your own bedroom and bathroom and you share kitchen with your flatmates.

Please briefly describe the health and safety support provided at the host institution, including

- 1) Whether there is health centers or clinics available on campus**
- 2) Any safety matters that you are concerned about**

There's one health center on campus where you can schedule appointment with GP(Doctor) but it was quite full.

Finances

How much did you spend (in HKD) on the following items? (Please input "0" if not applicable to you)

Air ticket between the place of departure and destination (round trip)

HKD 9,000

Accommodation (for the entire study abroad period)

HKD 20,000

Program fee (if applicable)

N/A

Personal expenses

HKD 40,000

Others, please specify

N/A

My Top 3s

Please share with students some of your top 3s. If it is best to provide the information in the language of the host destination, please do so, but provide an explanation in English.

Courses at the host institution

Lean Start-up

Leadership

EN123

Favourite Food

steak

bubble tea

pasta

Hang-outs places on campus

FAB

library

jidong

Must-dos in the city

shopping

Chinese food

visit the cathedral

Not-to-dos in the city

go to unsafe area

hang out at night

talk to random people

Useful local apps or websites

my warwick

trainline

hungry panda

Words to describe my study abroad experience

exciting

rewarding

pleasant