

# Exchange Report

Spring 2024

The University of Warwick

United Kingdom

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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.

### January

#### Positive Aspects:

Arriving in the UK, the initial welcome was warm and inviting. Warwick's orientation programs were immensely helpful; they eased my transition and provided essential insights into academic expectations and local culture. The campus was bustling with students from various corners of the world, and I quickly found myself forging friendships.

#### Challenges:

The biggest hurdle initially was the cultural and academic adjustment. The pace and style of education were different from what I was used to in Hong Kong. There was a greater focus on independent study and critical analysis, which required swift adaptation. Additionally, everyday tasks like grocery shopping and navigating public transport in a new town took some getting used to.

### February

#### Positive Aspects:

By the second month, I felt more integrated academically and socially. The highlight of this month was a group project in my class, which allowed me to collaborate closely with students from Italy and Canada, giving me a global insight into the subject.

#### Challenges:

Language nuances still posed occasional challenges, especially understanding different accents and colloquialisms in both academic and social settings. Time management became crucial as I balanced coursework with exploring the UK and participating in university events.

### March

#### Positive Aspects:

Having settled into the rhythm of academic life, I began to explore beyond Warwick. Along with new friends from the exchange program, I traveled to Scotland and France, experiences that were both exhilarating and educational. These travels not only broadened my cultural understanding but also helped cement friendships.

#### Challenges:

Traveling while managing a demanding academic schedule was not without its stresses. Finding the right balance to ensure I did not fall behind in my studies while making the most of the travel opportunities required meticulous planning and discipline.

### April

#### Positive Aspects:

As my time at Warwick drew to a close, I took time to reflect on my personal and academic growth. The exchange program had been a journey of self-discovery, pushing me to become more independent and adaptable. Beyond academics, the friendships and connections I forged are among the most significant achievements of my time abroad, promising to last a lifetime. This period also honed my self-sufficiency, teaching me valuable life skills that extended well beyond the classroom and into my daily living, travel, and interpersonal interactions.

Challenges:

The emotional challenge of leaving a place that had become a second home was significant. Additionally, preparing for final exams amidst the farewells was taxing.

Reflecting on my exchange semester, the experience was transformative. It challenged me academically, pushed my personal boundaries, and expanded my global perspective. Learning to navigate a new educational system, adapting to different cultural norms, and managing a balance between study and exploration were integral to my growth. The skills and insights gained during this time are invaluable, equipping me with the confidence and competence to embrace future challenges and opportunities. As I conclude this chapter, I am grateful for the memories made and the lessons learned, which will undoubtedly influence my academic and professional journey ahead.

**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**

I do not require a visa.

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

Improving Process Performance

IB2470

Financial Statement Analysis & Security Valuation

IB3960

Ethical Issues in Contemporary Business

IB3E60

Financial Markets: Organisations and Technology

IB3K70

**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)**

1)November 2)Send email to University of Warwick before the application opens in order to secure places for course. 3) Search online: University of Warwick, Course Name

**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

1) Single Room, shared bathroom, toilet and kitchen 2) indicate up preferences in application, and you will get the application result after a period of time. You can choose not to accept the offer if you do not like the accommodation given to you. Pay after arrival. 3) Ask my friend studying in Warwick

### 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

1) Yes 2) NO

### 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 7,500

#### Accommodation (for the entire study abroad period)

HKD 10,000

#### Program fee (if applicable)

HKD 30,000

#### Personal expenses

HKD 100,000

#### 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

Ethical Issues in Contemporary Business

IB3E60, because many open discussion is allowed

Financial Statement Analysis & Security Valuation

IB3960, because they use a lot of companies as real life examples

Improving Process Performance

IB2470, because the project is improving process at your home university, which is interesting

### Favourite Food

Burgers in Dirty Duck restaurant, as it is affordable

Latte, it is smooth and milky

Steak, much cheaper than Hong Kong

### Hang-outs places on campus

Dirty Duck Restaurant

Cafes

Kitchen to cook

**Must-dos in the city**

Visit London and borough market

See a musical performance

Visit Birmingham

**Not-to-dos in the city**

Stay too late at night

Go to quiet areas

Run or rush

**Useful local apps or websites**

I do not use any

**Words to describe my study abroad experience**

Eye-opening

Excited

Challenging