

Exchange Report

Fudan University, Shanghai

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University Introduction:

Fudan University is one of the best universities in the mainland china. Fudan University was founded in the year 1905. "Fudan", literally meaning "(heavenly light shines) day after day", indicates inexhaustible self-reliance and industriousness.

Course Taken: FINA 3080, ACCT4212, UGEC2171

Courses offered in sem 1: ACCT4111, MGNT4010, ACCT4271

Visa: no visa required for Hong Kong Student. Passport is not needed travelling in any province in China but "Home Visa Permit" (回鄉証)

Accommodation: Accommodation is provided with a fee RMB800. The hostel is inside campus which is built for post-graduate student. Hong Kong exchange students are arranged to live together with Taiwan and Macau students. The hostel is an apartment with 4 rooms, toilet and bathroom. (Hostel for local student has no bathroom and they have to go to public bathroom). Air conditioner and heater provided. Cooking is not allowed in hostel.

Weather: The weather is cold in winter. There may be snow from December to February with Temperature around 0°C. It is cool from March to June and temperature is around 20°C. Rain is frequent in summer. The daily range of temperature is quite large which can be 10°C.

Local travel: Local travel is very convenient by metro or bus. The metro system in Shanghai is much more complicated than that of Hong Kong with 12 lines currently. Travel in campus is by bike and it is common for every student, both local and exchange, to have their own bike.

Place to visit:

Shanghai is one of the most developed cities in China with both modern and traditional architectures.

Shanghai Oriental Pearl TV Tower (東方明珠), Zhujiajiao (朱家角), Waitan (外灘)

Expenses:

Accommodation (Subsidized)	0
Electricity	400
Water	200
Daily Meal	2500
Air ticket	1500
Travelling	12000
Others	500
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Total expenditure varies greatly among students. It depends on one's living standard. For food, eating in campus is very cheap with less than RMB10 each meal. Travelling is the major expenditure but it is relatively cheaper than travelling in other country. The amount includes trip to Harbin, Xian, Hunan, Zhangjiajue, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Huangshan.

General Impression:

It is a very good exchange experience in Shanghai Fudan. One thing that impressed me the most is travelling in campus and city by bike. The size of the campus is 3 times larger than CUHK. If you do not have a bike or you don't know how to ride, it probably takes you at least one hour to walk from hostel to teaching building. Riding in Campus is impossible in CUHK but a daily routine for students here which is very relaxing.

Travelling in the city is fun. Shanghai is a very big city that it is impossible for you to explore every part of it. There is always mystery and unknown for you. Transit in the city is however terrible that it usually take you over an hour. When you want to date your friends to dine out, it normally takes you at least 3 hours with 2 hours for transit.

Campus of Fudan is fantastic. There are many trees and even sakura in spring. It is very relieved walking in campus. There are many cats inside campus. They are cute but become annoying in spring's nights. Mosquito is a nightmare in summer.

There are many foreign exchange students in Fudan but it is quite funny to find that

majority of them comes from Korea and Mexico. Therefore, if you are courage enough, you can easily make friend with them during lesson. It is fun to have cultural exchange with students from different part of the Earth. During the exchange, I make many new friends from Taiwan and they are all very friendly and nice. They are willing to be tour guide if you visit Taiwan in the future.

Putonghua is very crucial in mainland China especially during lesson. Most lessons is conducted in Putonghua and even if the lesson is claimed to be conducted in English. English standard of local professors is not that good and it may be better choice for students to take Putonghua courses instead of English one. Workload is heavier compare with that in CUHK.