

Schulich School of Business, York University
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University Introduction

Known as Canada's Global Business School™, the Schulich School of Business in Toronto is ranked among the world's leading business schools by a number of global surveys. Schulich's MBA program is ranked #1 in the world by the Aspen Institute.

http://www.schulich.yorku.ca/client/schulich/schulich_lp4w_lnd_webstation.nsf/index.html?Readform

Study and Courses

The course structure in Schulich is similar to CUHK.

The following rules applied to exchange students:

- Only courses higher than level 3000 are opened.
- Maximum 4 courses can be taken in each semester.
- Accounting courses are prohibited.

The courses list below are what I took and transferred back successfully.

Schulich School of Business		CUHK	
Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
FINE 3100 Financial Management	3	FINA 3070 Corporate Finance	3
IBUS 3100 Introduction to International Business	3	MGNT 2510 Intro to Int'l Business	3
MKTG 3100 Marketing Research	3	MKTG 3010 Marketing Research	3
SGMT 3000 Strategic Management	3	MGNT 4010 Business Policy and Strategy	3
Total	12	Total	12

Visa Requirement

Starting March 15, 2016, you need an eTA to visit or transit Canada by air if you hold a valid and subsisting Special Administrative Region passport issued by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Flight Ticket

HKG-YYZ (Toronto Pearson International Airport)

Both Cathay Pacific and Air Canada provide direct flight to YYZ at around HKD \$15,000.

Accommodation

On Campus residence can be applied through Schulich.

There are choices for off-campus accommodation. York University village is located next to the campus and it is a bit cheaper than school accommodation. Further information will be provided once you registered to Schulich.

Meal Plan

Meal-plan is compulsory for students who apply on campus residence, as no kitchen is available in the residence (except Pond Residence).

Weather

Toronto is a colder part in Canada. Average temperature is -15 to -20 Degree Celsius. In Feb 2015, the coldest temperature is about -30 degree Celsius (feels like). Snowstorm happens around late February (It varies every year) Waterproof clothing is necessary to keep warmth when it snows. Snow boots are recommended. Timberland boots are not good enough to fight the cold.

Travelling

Canada

Vancouver: Another 80's Hong Kong

Alberta: Banff National Park

Montreal and Quebec: They are French speaking cities with traditional architectures.

The America

West Coast: Las Vegas, Los Angels, San Francisco

The Grant Canyon, Theme Park (Universal Studio, Dinseyland), Golden Gate Bridge

The public transportation system is not popular to link up the 3 cities. It is preferred to join local tour/Chinese agency tour. Or else, you have to rent car and drive on your own.

East Coast: Boston, New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia

Broadway show, Statue of Liberty, Top of the Rock, Brooklyn Bridge, NBA match, Freedom Trail, The White House, The Capitol

Transportation in Toronto

Public transportation system: Toronto Transit Commission

Single Trip Fare: 1 token (which cost 3 CAD)

Day Pass and monthly pass are also available

York University is the northest among Ontario. Bus is the cheapest way for you to leave the campus. There is a TTC bus stop in the campus. No.196/106 can bring you to "Downsview station" while no.60 can bring you to "Finch station". They are the two ends of the Toronto Subway.

<https://www.ttc.ca/>

Textbook and Stationary

Not compulsory for most of the course.

Mobile Phone service

Fido, Koodo and Wind are the major service providers.

Without Data: around 27CAD/month

With Data: around 35 CAD/month

* Tax has not been included.

Tax and Tips culture

Tax Rate in Toronto is 13%.

Canadian culture is to tip about 10%-15% on top of the restaurant bill.