FINANCIAL DETAILS

Have you opened a bank account in your host country? □ No □ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account?

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency?)
Bringing local currency is best since you can quickly purchase transit tickets or call a taxi. Foreign currency is ok as well since there are many currency exchanges in Hong Kong.

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments? □ Cash □ Debit □ Credit card

Please comment: Cash is widely used. The transit system in Hong Kong uses an “Octopus Card,” which is similar to the Compass card in Vancouver. The Octopus card however, can be loaded with money and can be used to make purchases at most stores. Storing money on the Octopus card and using the card to make purchases is very popular.

ACADEMIC DETAILS

Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted? □ No □ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:
HKU uses a system similar to the program used at SFU (i.e. GoSFU). The course registration procedure begins in late August, but the Business faculty pre registers you in courses that you had planned in your application to the faculty. This is not always guaranteed. You can register for more courses during the add/drop period, but you need to ensure that you follow the proper procedures and consider the important dates.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Business

What is the language of instruction in your courses? All courses were taught in English

If not English, are English-taught courses available?

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.

Language should not be very problematic at HKU as all classes are taught in English with the exception of any language courses. English is the primary language of instruction and English is used and understood by many people in the country. The instructors for all my courses had an extended stay in either Canada or USA so therefore speak English well.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

I thoroughly enjoyed my academic education at HKU. I had the opportunity to learn in a new environment, experience a variety of cultures, and learn business from a prestigious institution. Furthermore, I met many engaging students and participated in one of the best group projects I have had in my academic career. The smaller class sizes at HKU allowed for more participation and group discussion within the classroom. I highly recommend an exchange to the University of Hong Kong!

Submission Instructions:
1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF.
2. Subject line of email: Questionnaire - [Host Country, Host University]
3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how long is it?  There are language credit courses for the duration of the semester.
Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much?
Please comment:

ACCOMMODATION & LIVING
Is on-campus or university dormitory accommodation available?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, are you living in a university dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe:  Ricci Hall (Male only dorm)
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation?  $620
Is there a meal plan?  □ No  □ Yes: How much is it?  Included in $620
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities?  □ No  □ Yes
How far is your dormitory from the main campus?  My dormitory was a 5 minute walk from campus.
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Internet was provided by the school. The dormitory was connected to the HKU wifi network. Phone access was limited but usually everyone has a cell phone since mobile data and phone plans are cheap.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this?
Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:

I did not deal with off-campus housing since I was offered on campus housing so I am not familiar about the procedure.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals?  $1200
Any other comments on accommodation:

During my stay at the University of Hong Kong, I did not hear of any major complaints about the dormitories. However, some students took time to adjust to the Hall culture but overall, I did not find it too difficult to fit in with fellow students or hallmates.
EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Business
Major/Minor: Finance
Host university: The University of Hong Kong
Host Country: Hong Kong
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) 08/15 to (month/year) 12/15

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1000
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $150
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No □ Yes
If yes, please describe: n/a

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit? □ No □ Yes: What was the cost? $150
If yes, what documentation was needed? Canadian Passport
Did you need a visitor visa/permit? □ No □ Yes: What was the cost?
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed? Through HKU Cedars
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 4+ weeks
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? □ No □ Yes
If yes, please comment: Acceptance Letter from host institution

AIRPORT RECEPTION
Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university? □ No □ Yes
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? □ No □ Yes
Please comment: Getting to the University of Hong Kong from the airport is relatively easy. You simply need to take the Airport express to "Central" MTR station, then transfer to the Island Line and get off at the "HKU" MTR station.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Hong Kong International Airport

ORIENTATION
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? □ No □ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session? □ No □ Yes, how much?
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? □ No □ Yes
Please comment: Orientation is a great opportunity to get to know fellow exchange students and make new friendships.