



Exchange Reports Fudan University Shanghai, China

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Teaching and Learning Environment

- Took 4 courses. They were all taught in English. One of the courses was taught by 2 professors, so I had 5 professors in total. I was fortunate to choose the courses that had relatively fluent English speakers. However, some of my colleagues I met during exchange were frustrated that their professors could not effectively communicate in English. Assessment was split between an essay paper (1) and take-home exams (3).



1 - Submitted by Monica W.

Quality of Administrative Support for Students

- The general administrative things were pretty straight forward. Students are expected to arrive for orientation and have one-on-one meetings with the internal program coordinator to get settled down.
I had a major issue with housing because there was miscommunication/error on CLIC front. I didn't have housing available to move into right away, which was a huge let down. Queen's University Liaison Office was also very instrumental in welcoming me in.

Campus Facilities

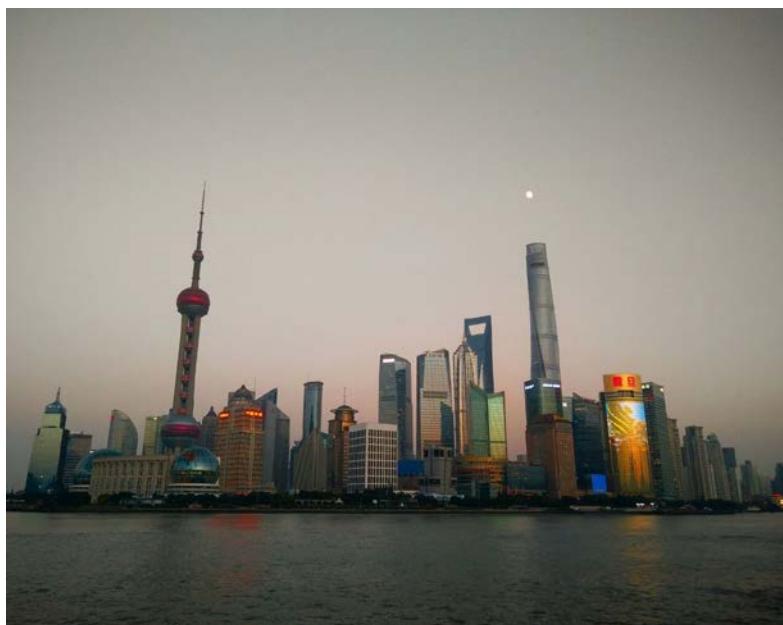
- Campus facilities are sub-par compared to Queen's. Everyone got gym membership off campus because on-campus facilities were so outdated. I can't say much about library and IT support as I never used it.

Student Accommodation and Food

- I was promised a free accommodation upon arrival through CLIC scholarship program. When I arrived, they told me that I didn't have a scholarship for the housing. I had to look for an emergency accommodation without any help from Fudan's end. I also had to proactively communicate with the CLIC scholarship team in Alberta to sort out the accommodation situation for the first week. Things were uncertain for a while, especially because Fudan said they did not have any rooms available for us to take. For the future students, I would really make sure and get assurance from the CLIC program about whether they need to book housing in advance.

Travel to Downtown and Environs

- Subways are the main form of transportation for students, but Didi (Chinese Uber) is quite good. Costs were quite cheap, especially compared to Kingston's rates. I also traveled to many parts of the country, including Beijing, Xian, Suzhou, Hanzhou, and Zhangjiajie (filming location for Avatar). Travel opportunities are numerous, and I would highly encourage students to travel whenever possible.



2 - Submitted by Justin Y.

City Life Highlights

- Shanghai is full of modern amenities, including mega shopping malls and picturesque bars/clubs. Foreign students, especially Caucasian ones get free admission and drinks because clubs want to give off the image that they are very modern.
Cell phone plans can be had for EXTREMELY low costs through telecom companies setting up shops on campus (e.g. China Unicom). The rate is 100 RMB for the ENTIRE year, which is about \$20 CAD. I would enthusiastically invite future students to opt for that by looking for shops set up on campus, usually with tents and patios.
The cost of living is quite affordable, although not as affordable as it used to be from my understanding. Students can easily survive on 100RMB per day for food, especially if they opt to simply get student dorm foods at on-campus cafeteria. Food near downtown, however, can run up to double the amount quite easily, especially when venturing into foreigner-heavy areas like Xintiandi or the French Concession.

Student Life

- Every exchange student is paired with a language buddy, and it's up to the exchange students to reach out to them for chat. There really isn't a liaison with other international exchange students, but students are bound to interact with other exchange students because the classes are so small (fewer than 20 students per class).
There are plenty of clubs and sporting events students can participate in. I personally didn't, but I saw over 100 clubs.

Additional Comments

- The biggest upset in the trip is the error on the CLIC scholarship program. I truly struggled in the first few days of exchange because my housing was uncertain.



3 - Submitted by Monica W.