



Exchange Reports University of Hong Kong

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Teaching and Learning Environment

- 4 courses: International Organizations (100% research paper); International Trade Law I (100% take home exam); Insurance Law (100% take home exam); Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship (LITE Lab) (two group projects). All courses in English.
- I took four courses, two six-credit LLB courses and two six-credit LLM courses. There were lots of options for courses taught in English. I ended up taking primary international courses (International Organizations, International and Regional Protection of Human Rights, International Trade, and Insurance Law). All courses were well-equipped for English speakers - professors tended to be visiting British professors with English as their first language and primarily English native speakers in the class.
- 4 courses - 2 LLM level 2 LLB level. Wide range of course options (all law courses are taught in English). Very similar to North American lecture style classes. High quality instructors. Wide range of assessment options in different courses (some courses were 100% final; others had many smaller assignments).



1 - Submitted by Conor O.

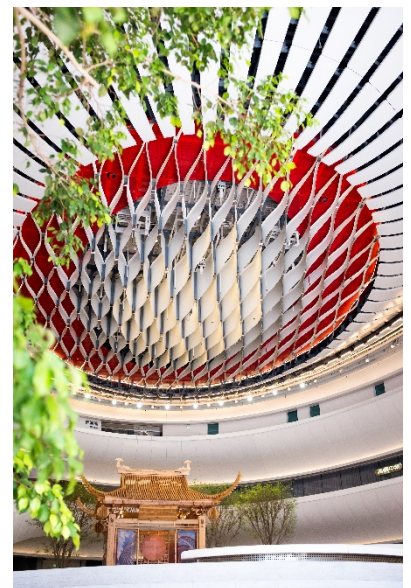
- I took 4 courses overall. All the courses provided were taught in English and ran very similar to courses at Queen's. Some of the courses were 'intensive' so they ran several times a week over a few weeks. This was actually welcomed. All of the Professors were incredibly qualified, and the level of teaching was superb. The law school is ranked in the top 25 within the world, and it was not hard to see why. The assessment methods were typical, either papers, assignments, or take-home exams.
- I took 4 classes. All of the courses at the university were taught in English, and all but one of my classes was taught by someone whose first language was English. All of my professors were great, and I had a wide variety of evaluation methods, including presentations, oral midterms, final papers, and reflection papers. I chose to take only courses with no in-person final exams.

Quality of Administrative Support for Students

- If living off campus, some small portion of rent is covered by the school via bursary from CEDARS.
- Registration was the first day of school and very quick/easy. No problems and the law school administration were very helpful in helping me complete the broader HKU registration.
- Very helpful in obtaining an early confirmation of pass/fail results. Quick response time and otherwise very helpful.
- Registration was a little tricky. Housing was difficult but assistance was found on the Hong Kong side of things. Hong Kong is ranked as the most expensive city in the world to live in, and much of that is due to the availability and pricing of accommodation. HKU does offer excellent deals on residency, but supply is limited.

Campus Facilities

- Campus located near Western-most point of Hong Kong Island; campus gym open to all students; multiple libraries on campus including a law school-specific library.
- Gym was quite close to the campus and most of the residences - it was small but convenient and I went regularly. Lots of food available on campus as well as diverse study space (Learning Commons, Law Library, Regular Library). Studied both on and off campus. Also, on campus resources such as bank to pay residence fees.
- Location is a bit away from downtown and gym is not centrally located on campus. Library is very nice and there is a separate law library.



- The law school was excellent, free printing, excellent library staff, etc. The school is well located and there were gyms on campus.

Student Accommodation and Food

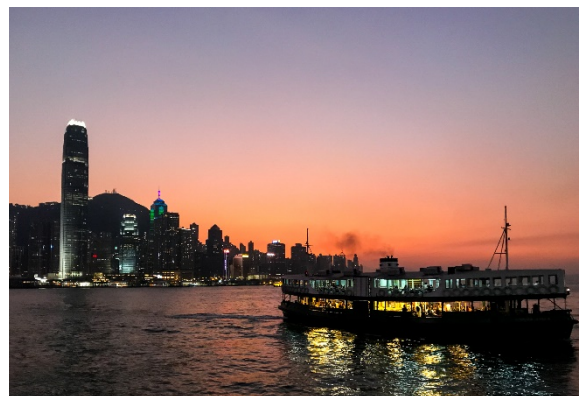
- Lived off campus. Monthly cost approx. \$2300. Had to pay one-month refundable deposit. Food generally quite affordable.
- HKU placed me at on-campus residence in Mid-September. This was a flat in a business downtown area. It was quite expensive, but the residence was full of exchange students which was nice. There were some problems with the residence i.e., no smoke alarms or fire alarms and there ended up being a couple of fires. The school was very accommodating and moved anyone who wanted to move. I was lower on the waitlist than other students but kept in touch with the housing office through the summer. I ended up being the first to get a spot in residence, as long as you stay in contact with them.
- There were several dining options on campus, but no meal plans. Food was reasonably priced and there are also several options surrounding campus.

Travel to Downtown and Environs

- Excellent subway system called MTR.
- The transit is amazing, you use it for anything. Very useful and once you get the hang of it, it is one of the best in the world. It was also easy to travel in the broader Southeast Asia area - there is a major airport in Hong Kong and many direct flights. Travel was very easy here!
- Very good public transit - very easy to get around HK and Airport is a hub within Asia , so very easy to fly anywhere in Asia.

City Life Highlights

- Buying a local SIM card with data was extremely affordable.
- Living in the city was useful but a lot of fun. Living spaces (i.e. stayed in an Airbnb for a month) are small and basic. Eating out is very common in HK therefore very cheap. Very cheap to get a SIM card and phone plan there as well as SIM cards for anywhere in the larger Southeast Asia area you are travelling to. Lots to do in the city - rent boats, hiking, amazing food, markets, nightlife etc.



2 - Submitted by Joshua R.

- Prepaid SIM cards are very helpful and are ubiquitous around Asia. You can often purchase prepaid SIM cards with up to 6 months or 1 year validity at various stores and markets. Cost of living is relatively expensive, simply because of the high price of real estate.
- We were able to get super cheap cell phone plans. Generally, an awesome place to live with a lot of things to do, and amazing places to eat.

Student Life

- HKU Cedars offers an eat-to-gather program where exchange students can meet a host family and local students. Numerous clubs and organizations offered.
- Yes, but I did not really attend many. I was close with the entire Queen's group that went, met the other Canadian law students abroad and became friends with my flat mates who were all exchange students.
- There was an incredible number of events for exchange students, and the exchange office was great in facilitating.
- There are a ton of exchange students living in HK. You will find them everywhere and don't really need the university to facilitate this.

Additional Comments

- Such a great experience. I really enjoyed going abroad with about 9 other Queen's students as well.
- Hong Kong is a great destination for exchange - dynamic city in the heart of Asia and I had a lot of fun there.
- It is a world-class institution, with a high level of education, centered in one of the most dynamic cities in the world. It provides an amazing platform to explore the surrounding areas, and the city itself provides an immense number of activities - from hiking, going to the beach, or enjoying amazing cuisine in a major metropolitan area.



3 - Submitted by Jennifer C.