

College of Science and Engineering

STUDENT EXCHANGE BLOG (OUTBOUND)

My Profile

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My Host Institution: University of Zurich

My Department: Biology and Chemistry Department

My Programme : Environmental Science and Management

My Exchange Period

Year 2 (Semester B)

Your Blog

It is really great to have the chance studying abroad.

You can meet new friends from all around the world and know the different cultures. And you can explore your horizons via travelling to different places during holiday.



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My Pre-departure Checklist

Application for student visa

- its better to apply visa earlier as you may not get the visa one time
- Ask the ambassador of the embassy what documents are required directly

Buy the insurance carefully

- Some host countries only accepts the insurance brought in their own country (eg Switzerland)

Just Arrived...

Most of the university will provide mentor scheme. Its better to join the scheme as the mentor will offer you a lot of help especially when you first arrive.

Eg: the classroom, the building of different faculties, good place for lunch, places to print notes or do revision

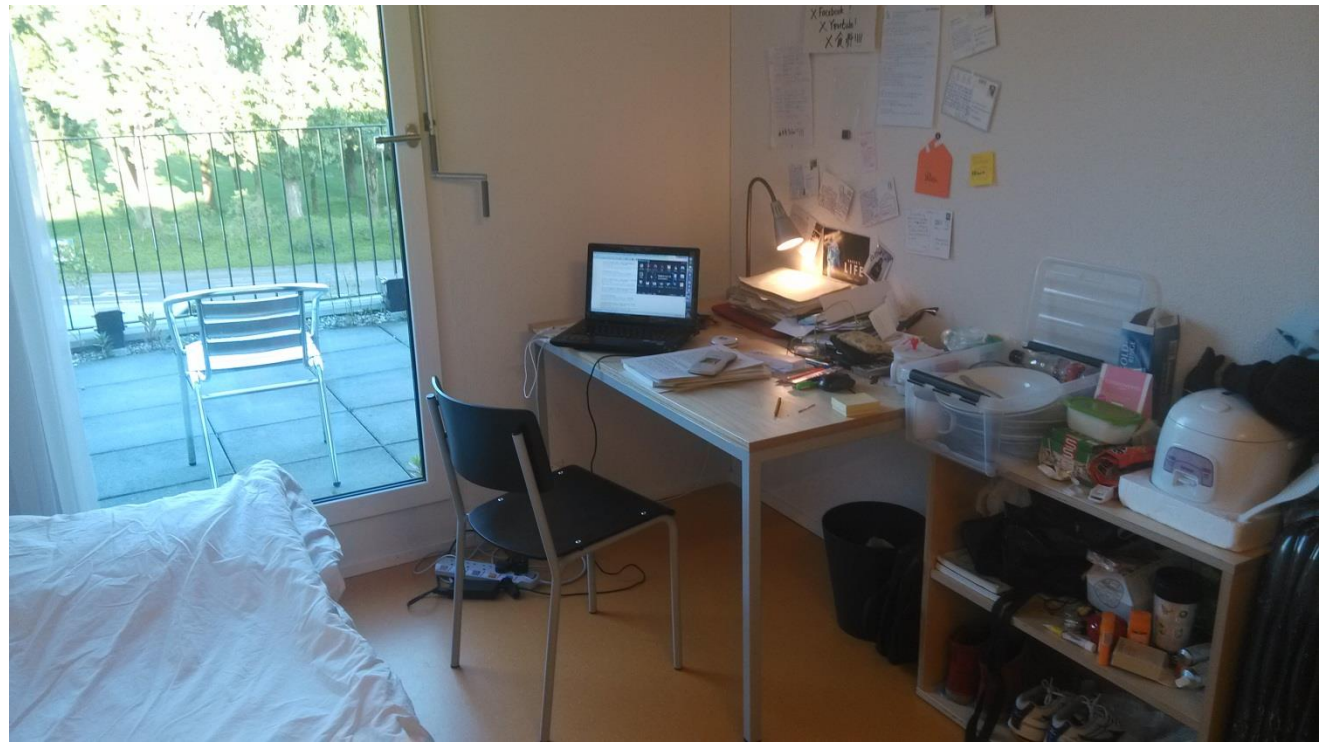


Orientation

It was useful to join the orientation. As you can ask the student helpers directly the questions you have, for example: where can you print notes, which canteens are better and cheaper, which places are worth visiting etc. Since they have lived and studies there for a very long time, they know a lot of things, and sometime even better than the guide books.

My Place

I lived in a one-person room with a balcony outside. The room is not so big but the facilities provided are quite comprehensive. The dormitory is quite safe as you have the key to lock your door and the fridge. But the bad thing is that, all the students in the dormitory use one small kitchen. As a result, the kitchen is always in a mess!!



My First Class

The learning atmosphere is a bit different from that in Hong Kong. Professors always hold some discussions during the lecture and students are to ask and answer questions actively.



People I Met

I have met some local friends. Actually, most of them are very nice. As long as you are initiative to chat with them, they are willing to meet you. And now, I still keep in touch with some of them. But one thing is that most of the westerners like drinking. And they also love to chat or hang out in the pub or club. I think this is the cultural difference that not all the people can accept.



Out of Classroom



Luzern, Pilatus

This is the first time I climb the snow mountain. The view is stunning. The temperature is really low but it is still worth visiting.

Out of Classroom



The first skiing day in my lifetime! Wunderbar!!

I was so excited to ski from the top at a very fast speed. I thought I was skiing down elegantly and skilfully. But the truth is that I just kept falling and rolling down T.T

Out of Classroom



Go A small band show!

My dormate, Silvia , took me to watch her band performance taken place in a pub.

Everyone in the pub was yelling ...

Money

Any unexpected costs did you have? If so, how did you get through it?

Money management is important. It is because you don't know when do you need money accidentally. As a result, you should set a limit for one-day expenditure and prevent overspend on buying unnecessary products!

Goodbye



Bye! My lovely friends! I will miss you all!

Home Sweet Home

How has your learning and living changed after your return?

This was the first time I have left my beloved family and lived myself for such a long time.

I learnt to be independent and tried to overcome difficulties on my own.

Sharing

What else do you want to share with the future exchange participants?

For me, I never regret participating in this exchange program. Because I get more than I expect. And the things I have learnt and experienced affect my mind to life. Thus, if you have chance to do so. Just go ahead. You will find that it is worthwhile!!



Overall Rating

Please rate your overall exchange experience
(1 = the least satisfied and 5 = the most satisfied)

5

For sure!!!!!!!!!!