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This year of experience helped me improve my confidence in communicating with other people. And I really enjoy the courses I've learned in CUHK. Through studying these courses, I have found my academic interest about the modern history of East Asia, which could be the main goal of my postgraduate study. During the academic year, I traveled around Hong Kong and other cities, including Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Taiwan, Singapore, and Bangkok, and all of these cities showed me different charms of Asian Culture.



Different teaching

If there is something challenging, it might be the different teaching method of CUHK. Although both York and CUHK have a similar system of 'lecture+seminar/tutorial' teaching system, in CUHK the lecture is longer, and the workload in CUHK is more than in York. And in CUHK, the course choosing is also very competitive, because students are more free to choose courses than in York, so many times it is difficult to find a proper module.

Accommodation

I lived in Morningside College of CUHK, which provided double rooms and public toilets and bathrooms for students. It provides a better chance for students to communicate with each other, but also lacks private space. Both CUHK and York have their own advantages in accommodation, but I prefer an en-suite single room if I can choose.

Living costs

The living cost (including campus accommodation and eating) in Hong Kong is lower than in the UK, but the off-campus accommodation in Hong Kong is more expensive.