Studying at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) was one of the best decisions I made in college. I was so glad to join the student community in Hong Kong for only one short semester in 2016. The program not only helped me improve my Chinese but it also helped me gain insight for my major, Anthropology. Because of the cultural uniqueness of Hong Kong, I get to constantly expose in languages between Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. With the help of the Peter Rushton scholarship, I was able to join a lot of local tours with students and participated in a lot of university activities. In just one quarter, my Chinese writing skill has improved exponentially, and I was able to read news on the web.

I was adjusted to the lifestyle in Hong Kong quickly because of all the helps and arrangement offered by CUHK. I went on weekend trips with my fellow international students to Stanley Market, Victoria Peak, and Cheung Chau with guidance of local student helpers; I got to perform Tibetan dance at the Chinese New Year banquet organized by the Chinese Language Learning Center; I went on field trips with my anthropology class to study the culture of indigenous people living by the border of Hong Kong. I even got to participate in field studies with Prof. Mathew Gordons at Chung King Mansion, the famous 'ghetto' at the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong.

I enrolled in classes that were taught in Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. Being an advanced Chinese learner, my objective was to improve my reading and writing skills by challenging myself in Chinese-based classes with local students. My experience in Hong Kong was great. Unlike some exchange students that chose to live in International student houses, I lived in local student hostels and joined many hostel events during my stay. Studying abroad in Asia was an enriching experience and I want to encourage all my fellow Chinese learners to partake such opportunities!