

# [CHINE] – [Shanghai University of Finance and Economics]

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## I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

*[Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why ?]*

*Yes I would definitely do it again. It is obviously a very big difference from Europe but I got to meet so many great people and experienced new things that I would never forget*

**GRADE : 5 [a grade between 0 and 5]**

*=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) - 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)*

## II. Before the travel

### A. Preparation

#### 1. Visa

*[Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?]*

*Yes you need a visa. Since it's only one semester you will have X1 visa, meaning you can't travel outside of China during the exchange but you can always ask for exiting visa from your university.*

#### 2. The flight

*[Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket]*

*I took the flight ticket around a month before the flight but from my home country because I visited my family before the exchange.*

#### 3. My luggage

*[Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)]*

*It is pretty cold here but I think one good puffer and a thick scarf is enough. And in the summer it*

#### 4. Bank account

*[Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.]*

*So I opened a Chinese bank account in order to facilitate the payment here but you can pay with your French card and it's totally fine.*

## 5. Insurance

**[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]**

*I bought the insurance that the university offered which you only have to pay cause the university had already fill all the information for you.*

## B. Housing

### 1. Where to live

**[Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend) ]**

### 2. Find a flat or a room

**[Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation]**

*I live in the dorm which is provided by the university. They will send you the link to subscribe for a spot in the dorm when you do all the documents needed for the exchange.*

### 3. Cost

**[Help : How much should I plan for a room or a flat?]**

*Personally I live in the dorm which is in a very calm and nice area which a subway station 5 minutes on foot away. You will share a room with 2 other people. The dorm payment is paid one time at the beginning of the exchange and you will pay electricity by yourself. It is around 4600yuan (590e) for 5 months.*

## III. When I arrive at the university

### A. Inscription at the university

**[Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?]**

*They will have a day for the Inscription process which is right before the first day of classes where you come and finish all your inscription paper and also to get a Chinese sim card. If you don't want to queue for too long I advise you to come early.*

### B. Information on the university

#### 1. Class

**[Help : for each class tell us how was the class, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?]**

*- Financial Instrument and Risk Management: The class lasts 12 weeks and has a Mid-term and a Finals. The class is pretty heavy and deep in terms of knowledge and workloads as we have homework and a presentation. As I am not majored in Finance I find it pretty hard but my friends who are majored in Finance and Banking said it's fine for them. It is harder than the Finance we had in MOMA.*

*- Venture Capital Management: The class lasts 12 weeks and was conducted around the subjects of VC firms and VC backed-up firms. I find it more or less interesting as you can connect with knowledge from Finance class from MOMA but in the same time it could be better by better methods. The class is evaluated by a presentation and a report.*

- *Big Data: The class lasts 16 weeks. It is pretty heavy on theories about coding and programming although we do not code in reality. It is evaluated by a presentation and a final.*
- *Corporate Finance: The class lasts 8 weeks. It is an interesting class but it's also really long, 4 hours each class. It is evaluated by a presentation and 3 reports.*
- *Interesting Ideas in Probability and Combinatorics: The class lasts 8 weeks and not heavy at all in terms of workload. It is evaluated by a presentation and a report.*
- *Introduction to Philosophy: The class lasts 16 weeks. Although it is not corresponded to any courses in MOMA but I couldn't choose any other classes as they all ran out of slots and fortunately Mrs. Bez approved of my choice. The class is interesting as it is very interacting. It is evaluated by a final of a written essay.*

## 2. Organization of the Class

*[Help : tell us the duration of the class, the volum of work, the behavior of teachers etc. ?]*

(As described aboved)

## 3. List of courses and recommendation

*[Help : list your different courses and let us know what do you think : level (easier, same or harder than the 1<sup>st</sup> semester course at MOMA, what you liked about the content, how is the class organization, who is the professor). Finally, for each class, tell us if you recommend the course.]*

(As described aboved)

## 4. Exam

*[Help : How was the exam? Format? Duration? Grade ]*

(As described aboved)

# IV. When I live there

## A. Safety

*[Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid]*

China is very safe in general as there are CCTVs everywhere. Or normally if I go out late at night I often go with my friends in a big group so it is good.

## B. Phone and Internet

*[Help : How to be able to call and have internet]*

In terms of Chinese phone number, they are gonna give it to you on the Inscription day (as I mentioned above). In terms of VPN, LetsVPN doesn't work anymore and personally now I am using Shadowfly which is very good, I paid around 40yuan/month (around 5e/month) for 500GB/month for 5 devices. But it can be less if you buy 3 or 6 months package.

## C. Events

*[Help : How to know about the events?]*

There's no Erasmus here so normally it's just the university that organizes events but there are not many. Normally it's between friends to organize trips and hangouts together.

## D. Sports

*[Help : What sport can I do ? and how?]*

*It's very convenient to do sports here as there is a gym right at the dorm and also a very big one at the main campus. Also there is a basketball court at the dorm and a big football field with basketball court at the main campus too. And my friends said they also do volleyball and badminton here.*

## E. Eating

*[Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. an international house buffet)]*

The main campus has some canteens which are around 5-10 minutes on foot from each other, there is also a bakery. Normally we often go to the "international" canteen where there are also hamburgers and bimbimbap. If not you can order online and they will get delivered to you normally in 30-40 minutes, which is what we often do for dinner. For lunch between class, we often go to the canteen.

## F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

*[Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike]*

*You can either bike to the university, which often takes around 25-30 minutes and is very nice when it's sunny. Or there is a shuttle bus which takes you from the dorm to directly the campus.*

## G. Travels

*[Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend]*

Travelling might be tricky to navigate at first as people don't speak a lot of English here but after some first hard moments and you get the hang of it, everything is a lot better and you just need to enjoy it. China has so many things to offer, especially in terms of travelling. So try to enjoy travelling to the best of it.

## H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

*[Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time ]*

I wish to know that people here don't speak much English but also it is a big motivation of mine to work more on my Chinese.

## V. After your semester abroad

### A. What are you planning do to?

*[Help : What do you want to do next year ]*

I am going to do a Master.

### B. Did you apply for master?

*[Help : in which master where you accepted]*

I was accepted to Master in Health Economics, Management and Policy in University of Bologna, Italy and that's where I am going to go next year.

*[remember to fill in the excel : <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11-vB4ABdkzIJR1AQ82drWyAVXfnCpRYr8COkeKihnlS/edit?usp=sharing>]*

