

## Exchange report from Peking University HSBC Business School, Fall semester 2016

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### Education

Peking University HSBC Business School (PHBS) is a part of the Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School (PKU), a sub campus to the highly prestigious Peking University in Beijing. The strive for excellence is the noticeable while at the same time, the University doesn't create a stressful environment. In the newly build business school on campus you will be challenge by overall excellent professors from all over the world. The entire University is a graduate school with no undergraduate students what so ever. The different majors on the Business School are Economics, Finance and Management although there is some minor elective Marketing Courses available during the semester. There is a quite wide selection of available courses but since it's not a specifically big business school, the possibilities are not endless. If your major is Economics, Finance or Management, you should have no trouble finding courses.



### Accommodation

Most students at PKU live on campus since the dorms are very generous and cheap, especially for westerners. All the students live in five different buildings with around 10-22 floors and 15-22 dorms per floor. Domestic students share rooms of 2 or 4 people while the international are very likely to get assigned a private dorm of 16 sqm, bathroom and a balcony. Pictures can be found on the University website. There are no kitchens available in the dormitory but there are several affordable food options on the ground floor and outside the dormitories.

## Social Activities

Chinese students love to do sports and are quite good at it, don't be surprised if you get asked to join them. The campus provides the students with fields and courts for badminton, ping pong, tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball as well as a swimming pool and a gym all closely around the dormitories.

There are also a lot of different committees and societies on the University and I honestly can't tell you how many because it seemed like it popped up new ones every week ranging from movie clubs, golf clubs, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance etc. all arranging events regularly.

There is also a lot to discover by just sightseeing around in the city and it's growing fast, from 1980-2010 Shenzhen grew its population from 30.000 people to 10.000.000 and currently the population is around 15-18 million but it is impossible to know exactly. Shenzhen is the kind of like a small Silicon Valley in Asia mostly for tech companies and new startups who can't afford Hong Kong. Shenzhen is a city in the making and it's very cool to just travel around in the city with the very easy and cheap transportation system.

When it comes to nightlife Shenzhen has surprisingly much to offer! There are of course the famous karaoke bars which must be tried, as well as several bars and nightclubs for different tastes, a lot of craft beer brewery pubs and lots of different restaurants. Partying in Shenzhen is cheap which means you don't have to plan your night out as much as you must in Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore and all those expensive places. This leaves you more money to travel around inside China and all over South East Asia.



## Ending remarks

What makes an exchange at PHBS so joyful and awesome was the amazing help and assistance you got from the international coordinators at PHBS. They didn't just help us with all the bureaucracy and paperwork that comes with living in China, they helped us with EVERYTHING. Recommendations for good restaurants and bars, translated messages to Chinese to show the cab driver. They were basically available 24/7 and was always happy to help us, and sometimes joined us out for some fun!