Here in Hong Kong, you will be enriched by experiencing:

- A high degree of internationalization
- A robust and effective government supported by an independent judiciary
- A unique bilingual system with both English and Chinese as the official languages
- Living in one of the world’s safest cities (United Nations International Crime Victim Survey)

- The world’s third financial centre after New York and London (Global Financial Centre Index, 2013)
- The world’s No.1 globalized economy for third consecutive year (Ernst & Young & Economics Intelligence Unit, 2012)
- A promising future as evidenced by a nearly 100% rate of employment amongst HKU graduates, most within the vibrant economy of Hong Kong (Full employment for the seventh consecutive year (98.7%) from Cedars employment survey 2013) The opportunity to take up rewarding and challenging internships during summer in top I-banks, MNCs etc.

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• You may not realize it, but Hong Kong was ranked the top territory in the world for the quality of its universities (when corrected to size and GDP per capita, Times Higher Education “Bang for Buck table 2011-2012). It has also been ranked as the 3rd best city in the world for foreign students (Economist Intelligence Unit, 2013).
- The HK Government gives a very good financial support, cutting the cost of your tuition fees.
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LEARNING AND LIVING AT HKU

The university is committed to providing whole-person education to cultivate within students the breadth of knowledge, competencies and qualities that society looks for in an educated individual.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Thanks to my experience just after the first year at HKU, I managed to find an internship at Russia Today TV News channel for my first summer. I found out that my studies at HKU was a major deciding factor for them to give me this opportunity. One of the things I was required to do was talk for a length of time about a prominent current affairs issue in front of a camera. Having learned (at length!) how to best report news in my first year, the report I wrote about current China - Russian relations impressed those at RT, and got me hired.

SERVICE LEARNING

During my university study, I had the opportunity to start my own service project with active support from university. Alongside other students from different disciplines, I managed to build a small-scale hydropower system to provide electricity in a rural village(s) in Thailand. Throughout the funding, research and implementation processes, we received continuous support from the university. The idea for the project came from one of my common core courses I took during my first year, entitled Technologies Designed for the developing world. By the time we started the project, we managed to raise HKD 200,000 from the HKU Knowledge Exchange Fund and Hong Kong Electric Company. With the funding and plans ready, we recruited 10 other students from Engineering, Business, Journalism and other disciplines and founded our student group Sustainable Generation (http://susgen.org). Interestingly enough, the students in group also all came from different countries including Germany, USA, Hong Kong, Estonia, Korea, etc.

STIMULATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

My classes are pretty interesting and very interactive. For instance, my mechanical and electronics projects are good examples of the innovative teaching style you can expect at HKU. My mechanical project included building a plane which had a ‘bomb-dropping’ ability. My electronics project was about making a working model of a ‘Gold Rudeberg Project’. Our projects help us to apply theories we’ve learned in class, not to mention make for a fun day in the lab!

FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The best part of studying at HKU is the freedom to take a diverse range of courses. I had the fortune to study philosophy, journalism, comparative literature, linguistics, and more, which broadened my horizon. On the other hand, I was able to take various in-depth courses relating to English literature (my core academic focus), where I met extremely knowledgeable, kind and passionate professors who helped me find my future research orientation.

ACCOMMODATION AND HALL LIFE

If I had to describe HKU in one word, it would be “opportunity”. HKU provides us support in every aspect of our university life either through services or by student run clubs and alumni support. One aspect of the university that I find unique is the hall culture. Every residential hall/collage has its own team for different activities thereby promoting students to actively participate in hall activities in order to integrate everyone into the hall life.

STUDENT SOCIETIES & ACTIVITIES

I am the co-founder of ‘Bollywood Dance Group – HKU’. We are an independent student led group and keen on spreading awareness about Bollywood Indian dance through performances, workshops and events, both on and off campus. The most memorable thing for me was planning, organizing and participating in the ‘HKU Desi Beats’, a charity dance recital – the first of its kind at HKU. Not only did we raise funds for a local charity in Hong Kong, I believe we made sure everyone knows what Bollywood is, and pulled it off with many sleepless nights of rehearsal while balancing other academic commitments. It was an incredible journey, dancing our way at various events and meeting new people, and forming a close connection with the team (We called ourselves the ‘DreamTeam’).
Chai Wei Yeeng (Annie)  
Malaysia  
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At present I am in charge of marketing and product development at my company, Live it China, a social network for language learners. My friends and I founded it while still in university and after graduation we saw the opportunity to take our passion further. Hong Kong is supportive of start-ups and there is an entrepreneurial spirit here. It is very simple to start a company in Hong Kong and it is possible to apply for different types of funding from angel investors and venture capitalists. My company is fortunate to be a part of Hong Kong’s largest incubation programme.

I applied to the Pembroke-King’s Programme (PKP) through the Office of International Student Exchange and was given a chance to join the summer school at University of Cambridge which was the best summer adventure. Besides, I was also amazed by the research opportunities given to undergraduate students at HKU. In my final year, I was engaged in an ovarian cancer research under the scheme of Undergraduate Research Fellowship Programme (URFP), hosted by the Faculty of Science. It has enabled me to have hands on experience in doing scientific research and acquiring essential analytical skills which has aroused my interest to pursue further research in this area.

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