



# ***Knightly Adventures Abroad***

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**Advice to future study abroad participants: Make good friends (locals and other exchange), make plans, be active, and create good memories!**



**Complete this Sentence:  
If I could do it over, I  
would... have done a one-  
year program!**

**Major(s): Economics with  
minors in Math & Philosophy**

**Years/Term Abroad: Fall 2008**

**Name of program and why you chose it: Bilateral Exchange Program because it is more convenient and less competitive for the country that I wanted to go.**

**Describe the Housing Situation: I lived in the local college dorms and I'm glad I did because it was very convenient and the rooms are a bit more spacious than the international dorm. They also arrange local activities, where I was able to meet many locals.**

**Best Memory: Time spent with new friends I have met: going on trips (seeing the big Buddha and very small islands), going to night market (learning to bargain), partying in some nice clubs, and trying out traditional foods**

**How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? With this experience, I've gained more understanding of the world**

**Greatest Challenge: The transition or the first stage, which includes getting to know places and the culture**

**Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: The biggest is being in crowded places- in malls and pretty much everywhere. Politeness is regarded very little.**

**What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad: I learned a lot about the culture embedded in China and Hong Kong, understanding of the phrase "One Country, Two systems" which turned out to be "many systems", and being able to speak basic Cantonese.**

**"An amazing experience filled with memories  
that I will always treasure..."**