

I recently embarked on a journey to the United Kingdom to start my semester abroad as an exchange student. I was an exchange student at the University of Hull in Hull studying a master program in Finance. One of the great things that I noticed when I arrived in Hull was that the city looked very historical and had many captivating monuments. The British were very welcoming and always happy to help when I needed assistance. The University of Hull had a beautiful campus and great facilities. All the lectures were informative and interesting. The course modules were taught through class discussions and presentations which was great as I got to see how people from other cultures think and go through the topics in a detailed and effective way. I had the chance to meet experts from companies in Hull which expanded my knowledge in the course and I got great advice about my career goals. The University of Hull Business School had a great ambiance and was a very comfortable place to study. The campus gave me the chance to explore other activities outside academics through the many societies that they had. There was a business society, football society, bowling society, and rugby society just to name a few. This was a great chance to enjoy my hobbies with individuals that have similar interest. I was able to see the bars and clubs of the city which were very lively and enjoyable. My English improved tremendously as I got to communicate with people who are native speakers and were happy to correct me whenever I made a mistake.

I got to live right at the city centre, at the heart of the cities culture and lifestyle. When I first got there, it was exciting to meet individuals from all parts of the world who were new to the country as well. I met people from France, Czech, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands and many more. As it is UK's city of culture 2017, I was able to tour some of the beautiful tourist attractions such as the deep, a museum next to Humber river, the Trinity church, Farmers markets, several museums, and enjoyed UK's famous fish and chips and English breakfast. I felt like I was in a history book as I learnt that Hull played a big role in slave trade and the fishing industry. They were also greatly affected during the World War 2 so being in the city impacted my historical knowledge.

My exchange semester was very memorable and impacted both the social and intellectual part of my life. I met people that I can network with and got to experience new things in a different atmosphere. I feel much more confident and prepared to complete my master program and I look forward to sharing this experience with others. I would definitely recommend anyone thinking about being an exchange student to go for it. It is a chance for you to broaden your horizons and get yourself out of your comfort zone.