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I studied abroad because...
I wanted to really put myself out into the world and have to adapt on the fly if anything was not as I imagined beforehand.

One of my biggest challenges before studying abroad was...
“letting go”, knowing that I would not be seeing my friends and family for four months was not an easy decision.

A typical meal I had while studying abroad:
The typical lunch or even dinner on campus was teppanyaki, or a sizzling plate.

My favorite spot in my host city:
I loved the downtown area known as LKF. It was where, on the weekends, all the study abroad kids from the different Hong Kong schools would meet.

One cool event I got to experience while abroad:
A few friends and myself hosted an event for about 50 of our friends at a venue downtown. The venue had ping pong tables, darts, and created an amazing environment.

The most memorable experience for me while abroad:
We went to an all you can eat restaurant named Mr. Wong’s, something we thought we would do one time. The owner was eccentric, and the atmosphere of the place was captivating, so we would end up going there every other Friday night.

A habit I picked up while abroad:
I became much more of a “library studier” compared to studying in my room.

What I found most challenging while abroad was...
having to adjust your routine in ways that you would not have predicted. For example, in Hong Kong there were no paper towels or paper napkins, you would either have to use little tissues or a towel while eating or cleaning spills.

What surprised me most about study abroad was...
how fast I felt like I belonged there. I thought that it would take a lot of time to get acclimated in Hong Kong, but within two, three weeks, I could go downtown taking the metro, haggle at the night markets, and know some of the best places to eat.

My last bit of advice:
Put yourself out there. I was nervous I would not make many friends, but I bet on myself, and it paid off. Taking risks is scary, but the rewards you earn back are more than worth it.