

Final Briefing Session for Outgoing Students (Term 1, 2023-24)

Important Message

Students are strongly encouraged to review the risks of infection and the accompanied risks/costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You are not advised to travel offshore under the Red Outbound Travel Alerts.

Please be reminded that students are allowed to withdraw from the exchange programmes to stay safe.

Important Reminders on Significant Risks of Studying Abroad Relating to COVID-19

You are asked to sign some official documents (incl. Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19) to confirm your voluntary participation in studying abroad and accept all associated risks:

- Potentially increased exposure to COVID-19.
- Medical facilities may become significantly strained and there may only be limited access to healthcare or none at all.
- Mandatory quarantine in the country or territory that students will visit. Quarantines may impact their access to food and other essentials, and their ability to return home.
- Airlines are reducing and cancelling flights.
- Governments are closing borders and not allowing entry or re-entry.
- Host/home country (or transferring ports) may delay or restrict entry/re-entry.

Important Reminders on Significant Risks of Studying Abroad Relating to COVID-19

- Students may lose access to the host institution's housing and health and safety supports, and they may be responsible for arranging the practicalities of the exchange programme including but not limited to travelling plans, accommodation, health care, and travel, health and medical insurance coverage as required. Even if the programme continues, the host institution may also have to reduce or eliminate its operations and be unable to provide the same or any level of support.
- Students may encounter issues with the visa or residency permit if they cannot return to my home country before its expiration.

*The above information is extracted from the *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus* that each outgoing exchange student in Term 1, 2023/24 must duly agree to.

Important Reminders on Significant Risks of Studying Abroad Relating to COVID-19

- OGE is closely monitoring the development of the pandemic of COVID-19 in the world and continue to evaluate the SEP in 2023/24. At this moment, we cannot ensure whether you will be able to successfully apply for the required visa and/or access the host countries/regions for the exchange programme. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and inform you of the final decision of the University in due course.
- You are advised to **prepare a back-up plan and be flexible with the exchange arrangements.**
- Each case is individual. In case of suspension of SEP, we would look into your preference of study abroad options in relation to your academic planning. If you need any information, please consult our respective colleague.

Important Reminders on Significant Risks of Studying Abroad Relating to COVID-19

- If you are asked to make any payment, please check with our colleagues about the latest arrangement before you commit any payment requests pertinent to your exchange programme at least 1 week before the payment deadline. You are strongly recommended to closely observe the latest development of the pandemic before making any payments. You should also study the cancellation/refund policy of your host institution as well as the latest visa arrangements/travel restrictions to your host country. Please understand that you will have to bear the risks of possible financial losses that may be incurred as a result of cancellation of the exchange programme.
- In case physical student exchange programmes are suspended by LU or the host institutions, outgoing students of SEP 2023-24 should resume their full-time academic studies at LU and should not participate in full virtual exchange to be offered by the host institutions to ensure academic success.

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Outbound Travel Safety & Consular Protection

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Acceptance Package

- OGE will inform you to collect the acceptance package once they are available
(+supporting letters, guidelines on VISA application and air ticket sponsorship)
- If the acceptance package is mailed to your home, please provide a copy to OGE for record as soon as possible
- Read Handbook for Outgoing Exchange Students:
https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/download/documents/outgoing/pre-departure/outgoing_handbook.pdf

Course Selection at Host Institution

- *Course description*

Source of course information	Overseas Institutions	Mainland Institutions*
Host Institution's websites	✓	✗
Course outlines/syllabus provided in application package	Only available at some institutions	Only available at some institutions
Evaluations from previous exchange students on OGE website	✓	✓
Seek assistance from OGE; make request to host institution via emails if necessary	✓	✓

*Do your course registration online or upon arrival

*Check your email accounts regularly

Credit Transfer

- A minimum of 12 credits while on exchange to maintain your status as a full-time LU student. According to Academic Regulations, a student who registered less than 12 credits in any one term will be classified as a part-time student and will not be eligible for applying for hostel or financial assistance (including Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes, etc.).
- Need to meet higher credit requirement at host institution if any
e.g. LU: 12 credits; XXX College: 18 credits
→ You need to take 18 credits while on exchange at XXX College
- Credits: Transfer back to LU **with prior approval** from relevant dept./programme/ programme director
- Grades: **NOT be counted in GPA** calculation, but shown in the transcript

Study Plan

- Download the “**Study Plan**” from OGE website
<https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge>
(Go to “Download > For Outgoing Students > Course Confirmation, Credit Transfer & Study Plans”)
- Study “**Guidelines on Completing Study Plans**” and “**Table of Credit Equivalence**” (from OGE website)
- Complete the Study Plan

Study Plan

1. Preferred Courses

Proposed courses to be taken at the host institution			Equivalent/ substitute courses at Lingnan			Prog. requirement
Course code	Course title	No. of credits	Course code	Course title	# No. of equivalent credits at LU	
ART 215	Intermediate Drawing	10 ECTS	-----	-----	5	FE
FIN 410	Security Analyst	6 Unit	FIN 3300	Investment and Portfolio Management	3	SE
LB 123	Introduction to Creative Thinking	3 Credits	CLA 9007	Creative Thinking	3	CLA
HST123	Mexican History 1821-1910	3 Credits	-----	-----	3	PE/U

Refer to the Table of Credit Equivalence at OGE website

Table A: Arts / BSc Data Science

Programme Requirements	Seek approval/endorsement from:				
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
	Subject Professor/ Head of Department of Minor Programme	Director of Core Curriculum & General Education / Head of Centre for English and Additional Languages	Director of Service-Learning	Head of Department of Major Programme/ Associate Dean of Faculty of Arts (for BA Interdisciplinary Programmes only) ⁶	Programme Director ⁶
Free Electives				✓	
Courses in Major Disciplines ¹	✓			✓	
Cluster Courses ²	✓	✓		✓	
English Language Enhancement Elective Courses ³	✓	✓		✓	
Courses with Service-Learning components ⁴			Either Director of Service-Learning or Head of Department		
Free Electives (Minor) ⁵	✓			✓	

Table B: BA Global Liberal Arts / BLA Global Development and Sustainability / BA Animation and Digital Arts / BSocSc Business Psychology

Programme Requirements	Seek approval/endorsement from:				
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
	Subject Professor/ Head of Department of Minor Programme	Director of Core Curriculum & General Education / Head of Centre for English and Additional Languages	Director of Service-Learning	Head of Department of Major Programme ⁶	Programme Director/ Delegate ⁶
Free Electives					✓
Courses in Study Areas/Concentration Major Disciplines ¹ / Programme Electives ⁷	✓				✓
Cluster Courses ²	✓	✓			✓
English Language Enhancement Elective Courses ³	✓	✓			✓
Courses with Service-Learning components ⁴			Either Director of Service-Learning		OR Programme Director
Free Electives (Minor) ⁵	✓				✓

Table C: BBA / Social Sciences students

	Seek approval/endorsement from:				
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Programme Requirements	Subject Professor/ Head of Department of Minor Programme	Director of Core Curriculum & General Education / Head of Centre for English and Additional Languages	Director of Service-Learning	Head of Department of Major Programme/ Director/ Delegate of Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies (for Health and Social Services Management Stream only) ⁶	Programme Director ⁶
Free Electives				✓	✓
Courses in Major Disciplines¹	✓			✓	✓
Cluster Courses²	✓	✓		✓	✓
English Language Enhancement Elective Courses³	✓	✓		✓	✓
Courses with Service-Learning components⁴			Either Director of Service-Learning		OR Programme Director
Free Electives (Minor)⁵	✓			✓	✓

Study Plan

- **Social Sciences Programmes (A/Y 2023-24):**

Programme	Department	Department Head
IEP	Department of Government and International Affairs	Prof. LI Lianjiang
SPPS	Department of Sociology and Social Policy	Prof. CHEN Hon Fai

- When you seek approval from relevant authorities, bring along:
 - Study Plan
 - Table of Credit Equivalence
 - Course description/syllabus



- **P.2 of the study plan** → Fill in some alternative courses
- **P.2 Part B of the Study Plan** → concurrent courses
 - Fill in concurrent courses taken while you are on exchange (e.g. **project courses such as Directed Thesis, Research Project, Translation Project, subject to approval from course offering departments and the Registry**)
 - Credits of concurrent courses counted as credits gained during exchange term:
 - E.g. LU minimum requirement of 12 credits =
3-credit FYP at LU + min. 9 credits at host institution (subject to credit requirement of host institution)
 - **OGE will sent an email to all outgoing students in June 2023 to check registration of concurrent courses during exchange term (subject to approval of course offering departments & the Registry)**

- P.3 → printed names and signatures of faculty members
- P.3 → Approval for Excess Credits to be Counted as Free Electives
e.g. 5 credits equivalent for CLA
= 3 credits as CLA + 2 excess credits as free electives
- ❖ Possible to combine course credits of different courses of relevant nature if applicable:
e.g. Corporate Finance, Portfolio Investment, Business Statistics are offered at the host institution with 2 credits each.

You may seek approval to transfer as two 3-credit business courses at LU:
 - Corporate Finance (2 credits) + Portfolio Investment (1 credit)
= BUS2201 Financial Management (3 credits) at LU
 - Business Statistics (2 credits) + Portfolio Investment (1 credit)
= BUS1102 Statistics for Business (3 credits) at LU
- ❖ Submit the completed study plan to OGE via email **before departure**
(Please photocopy one for your own record)

What Programme Requirements can be transferred?

- ❖ Please refer to Appendix 1 of the study plan for programme requirements of your major
- ❖ Apart from **Free Elective (FE)**, you may transfer your credits to be taken at your host institution as follows, subject to approval of relevant LU authorities:
 - ❖ **Cluster course (CLA / CLB / CLC / CLD / CLE)**: You may transfer substitute Cluster Course by submitting Application for Cluster Course Credit [Transfer can only be confirmed upon submission of course outline]. For example, courses related to “Values, Cultures and Societies” without equivalent courses at Lingnan could be transferred as CLE. For details: <https://www.ln.edu.hk/ccgeo/exempt.php>
 - ❖ **Courses in major disciplines WITHOUT equivalent courses at Lingnan** (i.e. without course codes to be matched with) can be transferred upon approval from Head of Department of major programme. For example, HST123 Mexican History 1821-1910 offered by a host institution, which is not on offer at Lingnan and equivalent to 3 Lingnan credits, can be transferred as a History elective as “Programme Elective - Unspecified Category (PE/U)”.
 - ❖ **Courses in minor disciplines WITHOUT equivalent courses at Lingnan** (i.e. without course codes to be matched with) can be transferred subject to approval from Head of Department of minor programme.
 - ❖ **English Language Enhancement (ELE) Elective Courses WITH / WITHOUT equivalent courses at Lingnan** can be transferred subject to approval from Head of CEAL.
- ❖ Please study **Guidelines on Completing Study Plan**: <https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/download/#outgoing>

Reminders about completing study plan:

- ❖ All students should discuss with their academic advisors first
- ❖ Going through course syllabuses, required reading lists, assessments etc. carefully and register courses that you feel confident to succeed
- ❖ Register courses in foundation level only if you do not have any prior knowledge of that subject to ensure academic success
- ❖ Cannot take a similar course that you have already studied at Lingnan during your exchange
- ❖ Ensure your graduation requirements can be fulfilled
- ❖ Make sure to seek prior approval from relevant authorities at Lingnan before you enroll in certain course(s)
(i.e. the relevant authorities may disapprove and you may not get enough credits for graduation)
- ❖ Be flexible on your course selection and understand that course offerings are subject to change without prior notice

Make changes to your study plan while you are on exchange?

- Download the “**Revised Study Plan**” from OGE website
- List out **ALL COURSES** you are enrolling now
- **Tick “Approval Obtained”** for those course(s) approved in the Study Plan before departure

- Seek approval to the newly added course(s) **through emails (to relevant authorities), attaching the completed revised study plan**
- **Forward** the revised study plan with signatures and any original emails for seeking approval to OGE

Course Registration at LU in Term 1, 2023-24

- If you are given and accepted an offer of SEP, you do not need to register any course(s) on your course plan(s) in DegreeWorks or during the online registration period at Lingnan for your designated exchange term. All pre-registered course(s) excluding concurrent course(s) e.g. senior thesis and final year project at Lingnan will be removed by the Registry.
- In case of withdrawal, you are required to inform both the OGE and the Registry. If your withdrawal is beyond the LU online registration period in June, you can then only register your course(s) during the add/drop period of the term.
- The above arrangements are subject to change and the Registry reserves the right for the final decision.

Course Confirmation Form

- You are required to obtain signature from the coordinator/advisor at your host institution to confirm your registered courses and the number of equivalent Lingnan credits enrolled on Course Confirmation Form, in addition to your Study Plan.
- Please send it to oge@LN.edu.hk **BEFORE** the end of the add/drop period at your host institution.

Transcript

- Transcript will be normally sent to OGE upon your completion of study.
- For some institutions, you need to submit a request form for your transcript (esp. U.S. & German institutions) to Admission Office / International Office before you leave.
- Check with your host institution about the transcript arrangement and make sure your official transcript will reach OGE timely.

Transcript

- The original transcript received by OGE will be used for credit transfer and be kept by Lingnan. You may apply for an extra copy at your host institution for your own record.
- The costs that may be involved in applying for original transcripts from your host institution (including the one to the Registry for credit transfer and extra copies) would be at your own expenses.

Transcript

- To ensure timely graduation, final year students should take their own responsibility in the following:
 - You should **complete all assessments of your courses at host institution by the end of your exchange term** so that your official transcript will reach OGE in time for your credit transfer application.
 - You should check course results as soon as they are made available, e.g. via online student system of host institution. **You must ensure that you will gain sufficient credits / complete required courses to fulfill your graduation requirements.** If not, you should take immediate action, e.g. take additional / relevant courses in the upcoming term at Lingnan.

Accommodation

- **On-campus residence available:**

apply timely for student hostels at host institution

*For safety, you are strongly encouraged to live on-campus if available

- **No on-campus residence provided:**

seek assistance from responsible housing office of host institution for locating off-campus residence

Student Visa Application

- Apply for suitable student visa / equivalent permit on your own to enter the host country as a student for the entire exchange period
- Consult the **consulate general** concerned for the latest information on immigration/ visa arrangements and requirements in the host country/territory (website: <https://www.protocol.gov.hk/en/posts.html>)
- Allow sufficient time to apply (Visa application may take a much longer time due to limited/suspended consular services under the pandemic.)
- If you will be out of Hong Kong during term break for a relatively long period, check with OGE about the timing of receiving your acceptance package & applying for student visa
- Passport should be **valid for at least 6 months** beyond your intended stay
- OGE will issue **supporting letters** to facilitate your visa application

Travel Arrangement

- Check out the “**Table of Exchange Periods**” at OGE website
- Plan your travel schedule. Ensure to arrive on the suggested arrival date and join orientation programme (if any)
- Observe the quarantine procedures and entry requirements as laid down by the immigration authorities/airlines, which are subject to frequent updates without prior notice
- For return trip, your departure date should be on or after the last day of your exam. **You are required to complete all exams at the host institutions and return HK before the class commencement date of Term 2, 2023-24 (i.e. 12 January 2024), unless your exam is not yet over (except GLA/GDS students with 2nd exchange).**
- Purchase air ticket **after your student visa is issued** (*Students to France, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Thailand and Portugal should check the requirements of application for student visas from the relevant Consulate Generals and follow the suggested timeline to purchase air tickets during their visa application as supporting documents*)

Purchase of air tickets (for IEP)

- Air ticket sponsorships will be offered to sponsor the **net airfare** of the most economic and possible flight between host institution and Hong Kong within a designated period.
- You must purchase air tickets through the designated travel agent **“Corporate Travel Management Limited”**.
- Students are responsible for the **tax, security, fuel surcharges, baggage allowance, TIC and miscellaneous fees and cost for extra personal trips**.
- Complete an order form (included in the acceptance package or downloadable at OGE website) and submit to CTM Ltd.
- For details, please refer to the guidelines for air ticket sponsorship attached in the order form.

**Remark: Students enrolled in self-financed programmes should consult the respective programme offices/home departments on the funding availability and arrangements.*

Passage Allowance (for MEP)

- Passage allowance for transportation:

To host institution within Guangdong Province: HK\$1,500

To host institution in regions other than Guangdong Province: HK\$3,000

- MEP participants can purchase air/train/bus tickets on their own
- Allowance will be transferred to your bank account around the end of September 2023
- For details, please refer to OGE website
(Go to “Outgoing Students > Pre-departure Information > Financial Support”)

**Remark: Students enrolled in self-financed programmes should consult the respective programme offices/home departments on the funding availability and arrangements.*

Exchange Scholarships, Need-based Financial Aid & Schemes for EDB Subsidy

- You will receive an email upon the result announcement on the online application system around **the end of August 2023 (TBC)** (<https://webapp.ln.edu.hk/sys/ex/exchangeFinAid/>)
- Please log in to the system to:
 - (1) Submit the reply slip by the designated deadline; and
 - (2) Download and read your offer letter(s)
- Money will be transferred to your bank account around the end of September 20223 (*for outgoing students in Fall 2023*) (TBC). Outgoing students especially those who go on exchange in Term 1 should prepare your own money to cover your expenses incurred at the beginning of the exchange term.
- Important notes: Payment can only be processed after OGE receives ALL recipients' reply slips. If there is an update on your bank account information, please contact the Office of Comptroller. Otherwise there could be a delay in the payment.

Obligations of Scholarship/Financial Aid/Schemes for EDB Subsidy Recipients after Exchange

- Participate in Student Buddies Scheme organized by OGE and contribute to the development of internationalization on campus
- Live with our non-local/incoming exchange students in student hostels to serve as a cultural ambassador
- Submit pre-exchange/ post-exchange surveys, essay(s) and photo(s) upon completion of exchange as required
- Write a letter of thanks to the donor
- Attend related ceremonies/ events/ presentation sessions and assist the donor and the University when called upon

Your Responsibility as Outgoing Students

Before departure of exchange

- Complete pre-exchange online survey
- Complete pre-exchange Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI)* assessment (MANDATORY)
- Attend debriefing session (MANDATORY) and small group coaching session of IDI (RECOMMENDED)

** IDI is an objective measurement of your intercultural competence and you will receive an individual IDI profile report which helps you prepare for your exchange.*

Your Responsibility as Outgoing Students

Upon completion of exchange

- Complete post-exchange online survey and post-exchange Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessment (MANDATORY)
- Submit photos to OGE
- Seek approval to your credit transfer if not yet finalized. Request your host institution to send an original transcript to OGE, if applicable
- Fulfill your obligations, including but not limited to:
 - Participating in the Buddies Scheme organized by OGE
 - Living with non-local/incoming exchange students in student hostels for at least 1 term
 - Participate in OGE's promotional activities
- Complete requirements of exchange scholarships/financial aid, if applicable

Your Responsibility as Outgoing Students

Extracted from Participation Agreement

- *12. Should I fail to complete the exchange study as scheduled for whatever reason, I understand that all expenses spent / to be paid in relation to the SEP are my own responsibility and non-refundable in any case. I also undertake to pay back Lingnan University for any allowance / sponsorships / subsidies / financial assistance / scholarships granted and expenses paid on my behalf.*
- *13. I shall, during my exchange study, enroll as a full-time student and meet the minimum academic standards, complete all coursework, prescribed tests and examinations (if any), and obtain satisfactory academic results as defined by Lingnan University and the host institution. I understand that, failure to complete the academic requirements at host institution may carry the same financial obligations as stated in clause 12 listed above.*

→ Take a minimum of 12 credits (including concurrent courses) while on exchange to maintain your status as a full-time LU student.

→ Be responsible to your exchange studies by completing all classes, assignments, assessments and exams etc. timely and obtaining satisfactory passing grades.

Insurance

- Purchase an insurance plan before departure that will provide the following coverage for your entire exchange period:
 - Medical
 - Accident
 - Hospitalization
 - Travel
 - Other benefits (including evacuation and repatriation)
- Some partner institutions may offer their own health insurance plans for exchange students on compulsory basis. Check with your host institution and enroll for the specific or mandatory insurance plan as required
- Check carefully the coverage, benefits, terms and conditions of your insurance policy purchased under Outbound Travel Alert of Hong Kong Government under COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. trip cancellation, contraction of COVID-19 while overseas, trip curtailment, travel alert)

Arrival Pick-up

- **Pick-up service available:**

Inform host institution about your flight details, arrival date and confirm pick-up arrangement

- **No pick-up service provided:**

Search for ways to go to your host institution by yourself or with other students

Documents to be submitted to OGE before departure

- Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Liability Waiver*
- Insurance Compliance Form*
- Study Plan*
- Proof of your insurance (copy)
- Copy of your student visa (if any)
- Final itinerary / Electronic ticket (for IEP)
- Receipt for air ticket / train ticket (for MEP)

**Please download all forms at OGE website:*

<https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/download/#outgoing>

Housekeeping before departure

- Pay your LU tuition, hostel fee (for full exchange only) and other expenses on time
 - **Download the debit note from online banner services (Available from around early August 2023)**
 - **Settle Hostel Fee to Lingnan around late August 2023**
 - Enquiry: Joey Wong (CO); Email: joeywong2@ln.edu.hk
 - To apply for deferment: Collia Law (OSA); Email: collialaw@ln.edu.hk
- Arrange settlement of payment with banks/credit card companies for the period while you are on exchange
- Redirect/forward your mail from hostel to your home or host institution

Upon Arrival at Host Institution

- Meet your buddy/representative from host institution if pick-up service available
- Register your arrival at International Office
- Contact your family
- E-mail OGE about your safe arrival and provide your contacts at host institution
- Sign up for orientation sessions (if any)
- Register courses if your host institution does not offer prior registration, or make changes to selected courses if necessary

Pay Attention to Matters that Happen Currently at LU

- Rules and regulations at LU still apply while you are on exchange
- Pay attention to deadlines for matters that happen concurrently at LU and take prompt action accordingly
e.g. Course registration at LU for next semester
- **Keep checking LU email for any information**
- **MUST submit the Online Exchange Evaluation!**
(**Pre-> August** & **Post-> January**)

Hostel Arrangement at LU

Please refer to Notes to Outbound Exchange on OSA website (e.g. residential period, check-in and check-out dates):

<https://www.ln.edu.hk/osa/hostel/application>

Eduroam and VPN

Please refer to ITSC webpages:

- <https://www.ln.edu.hk/itsc/services/network/vpn-connection>
- <https://www.ln.edu.hk/cht/itsc/services/network/wireless-connection/>

General Safety Recommendations

- ✓ Gather the emergency contact numbers of your host institution, local police, other local support services, local Chinese embassy (http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/2490_665344/), Hong Kong Immigration Department (Hotline: +852 1868) and Lingnan University (24-hours Hotline: +852 2616 8000).
- ✓ Check for updated travel advice available at the website of Outbound Travel Alert System (<https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota/>)
- ✓ Closely monitor news reports.
- ✓ Take personal security precautions to avoid becoming a victim of crime or terrorist attack.
- ✓ Avoid crowded public areas and gatherings.
- [Modified based on “Terrorism Precautions” by LIU Brooklyn: <https://www.liu.edu/brooklyn/Public-safety/Safety-tips>]

General Safety Recommendations

- ✓ Do not travel into areas affected by the attack or is an expected terrorist target.
 - ✓ Be prepared for disasters and emergencies.
 - ✓ Avoid passing unsubstantiated information and rumors.
 - ✓ Continue normal activities but be watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal and suspicious activity to local law enforcement. Continue to enjoy individual freedom. Participate freely in travel, work, and recreational activities.
 - ✓ Learn what critical facilities are located in your community and report suspicious activities at or near these sites.
- [Modified based on “Terrorism Precautions” by LIU Brooklyn: <https://www.liu.edu/brooklyn/Public-safety/Safety-tips>]

General Safety Recommendations

- ✓ Contact local officials to learn about specific hazards in your community.
 - ✓ Increase individual emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water, and emergency supplies.
 - ✓ Be familiar with local natural and technological (man-made) hazards in your community and what measures you can take to protect yourself.
 - ✓ Know how to turn off your power, gas, and water service to your accommodation.
 - ✓ Support the efforts of your local emergency responders (public safety, fire fighters, law enforcement and emergency medical service).
- [Modified based on “Terrorism Precautions” by LIU Brooklyn: <https://www.liu.edu/brooklyn/Public-safety/Safety-tips>]

Terrorist attack?

Key Facts

- Terrorism causes very few casualties (about 1 / 3 of the number of deaths caused by firearm assaults in the US). But its social impact is much greater than most forms of violence.
 - Terrorists are motivated by different incentives (e.g. religion, social exclusion, economic difficulty). They are rational but not mental.
 - While the attackers have their own motives, the media and/or government of the victim countries also have their own agenda.
 - Media often horrify the attack to make the news more eye-catching
 - The government may take advantage of the attack to justify social control
- ❖ Based on the sharing by a Lingnan alumnus who had first-hand experience of a terrorist incident , which is available for download at: <https://www.ln.edu.hk/oge/download/#outgoing>

Advice on what to do in a terrorist attack

Crisis Management

- ✓ Staying calm
- ✓ Escape: The optimal destination must be easy to locate, guaranteed safe, unpopular e.g. hospitals (avoid the central one if possible), police depots, Embassy, spacious but unpopular parks, unpopular avenues. Consider using the public transport only after you have completely left the crowd.
- ✓ Stay connected as soon as you are in a safe distance to call. Use real-time communication means, such as phone calls. If you cannot make any phone calls, make a video/ audio recording to report who you are and your escape plan.

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Useful Links

- Assistance to Hong Kong Residents 24-Hour Hotline

https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/Assistance_Outside_Hong_Kong.html

- Registration of Outbound Travel Information (ROTI):

<https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/outsidehk/roti.htm>

- Outbound Travel Alert (OTA):

<https://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota/>

- Safeguard HK, Security Bureau Mobile App

<http://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/news/mobileapp/>

- Travel health advice:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk>

WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) travel advice:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/travel-advice>

Reference materials

- 10種常見旅遊街頭騙案 (e.g. 友誼手帶, 「街頭偽人」表演, 扮晒路不拾遺)
https://www.gotrip.hk/travel_hacker/10%E7%A8%AE%E5%B8%B8%E8%A6%8B%E6%97%85%E9%81%8A%E8%A1%97%E9%A0%AD%E9%A8%99%E6%A1%88/
- 騙徒無處不在！全程直擊3個巴黎街頭騙案！港男拍片逐個拆解
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