

## UIUC Exchange Experience

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## Introduction



- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- Jan 2008 – May 2008
- 5 CUHK ERG students
- Studied Computer science
- Illinois State, North America
- 2.5 hour train to Chicago

## The cold weather....



## Inside the School



- Sub-urb: less desned
- Campus town
  - Restaurants
  - Salons
  - Banks
  - Shops
  - Cinema



## School facilities



- 24-hour library!
  - You can borrow anything!
  - No penalty in late returns!
- Recreation Centre
  - Indoor jogging track
  - Indoor swimming pool with spa!



## Learning Environment



- Multimedia Lab
  - 21 inch Monitor + 10 inch monitor + ample space!!



## Housing



- Undergraduate VS Graduates Hostel
  - 8000/yr vs 4000/yr
  - Meal plan (10 meals/week)
  - Inflexible time



## School information



- Very famous in engineering
  - Youtube co-founder – Steven Chan
  - Firefox developer – Dave Hyatt
  - Many many many!
    - Lotus, Oracle, Safari, Netscape Communicator



## Famous in Erg?



- Very expensive textbooks! USD100...
- Course Difficulties
  - Assignments
  - Project based
  - Collaborated with industries
  - Prize
- Lecturers and students
  - Puntual
  - Responsive

## Activities

- NCAA – basketball
  - Illinois vs \*Michigan



## Activities

- Career Functions
  - Career talks from CISCO/Google/IBM...
  - Free drinks, free food
  - Engineering Expo in Feb
  - Meeting employers from BIG companies



## Funniest part... I

- Projects
  - Partnered with students of different nationalities
  - India, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, etc



## Funniest part... II

- Benefit Dinner
  - Yoga + meditation center in Urbana
  - Yoga
  - Farm Visit
  - Dinner with different people
  - Bonfire



## Self-powered house!



## Conclusion

- Pros: Academically strong!!
- Cons: So COLD! Far away from cities
- Your exchange goal
- Go visiting countries/cities
  - Mexico
  - Niagara Fall
  - Grand Canyon


