

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	The University of Hong Kong
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	http://www.hku.edu.hk/
	The University of Hong Kong (HKU), founded in 1911, is the oldest tertiary
	institution in Hong Kong and one of the best comprehensive universities in
	Asia. The campus is situated on the north-western slopes of Hong Kong Island between 50 to 150 metres above sea level and overlooks the wide
	sweep of Victoria Harbour.
	Since its establishment in 1911, it has undertaken the mission of providing a
	holistic education, developing the intellectual and personal strengths of its students.
B. Country	Hong Kong
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping	Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home
& Credits Transfer	faculty before the exchange.
	Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or
	approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the
	latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.
ii) Academic	Semester 1: August to December
Calendar	Semester 2: January to May
	Please refer to "Dates of Semester" section at
	http://www.ase.hku.hk/
iii) Exchange	One semester or full-year exchange, depending on your home Faculty.
Duration	
iv) Examination	Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at HKU before
	returning to NUS for the next semester.
v) Curriculum	A course at HKU usually has 6 HKU credits (3 credits for broadening courses).
Structure	A full load is 30 credits for one semester (60 credits for a year) but you might
	also take a minimum of 24 credits to a maximum of 36 credits each semester, subject to the approval of the Dean/Head of the Department.
	At least 3 courses (worth 18 credits) must be chosen from one single faculty
	per semester.



	Students admitted to Faculty of Law can choose <u>no more than</u> 6 credits (i.e. 1 course) of non-law course in each semester. Please refer to: http://www.law.hku.hk/ for further information. All courses, except those offered by the School of Chinese, are taught in English.
vi) Entry Requirements	 be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student; have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme; have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade 'C' (grade point of 2.0) in any module; have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from \$\$5,000 to \$\$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status; obtain the Faculty's approval for the SEP; satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education).
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	The medium of instruction and assessment at HKU is English except for courses offered by the Department of Chinese. (course codes start with CHIN – e.g. CHIN2013)
viii) Modules Compatibility	Suitable for students from the following faculties: BIZ Business Finance FASS Chinese English History Philosophy Japanese Studies Geography Politics and Public Administration Psychology Social Work and Social Administration Sociology Media Studies Centre



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FoE	 Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering Mechanical Engineering Biomedical Engineering
FoL	• Law
FoS	 Chemistry Earth Science Mathematics Physics Statistics & Actuarial Science Biological Sciences
SDE	• NA
SoC	Computer Science

Please refer to the Schools & Departments at HKU for details :

http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/incoming-student-programme-offered

ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Courses offered by the following Faculties/programmes are not open to exchange students:

- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
- BSc (Exercise and Health) Programme (from 2017-18 onwards until further notice)
- Most Final year project courses provided by all faculties

Courses offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE) are highly competitive. Students who are in their final year in particular, should note that course enrolment is NOT guaranteed.

Students who apply to FBE should have a grade level of B average / CGPA 3.0 / Satisfactory level.

Students should have already completed the course prerequisites before requesting to enrol in courses with pre- requirements Co-registration (e.g taking Microeconomics I and II together in a semester) is not allowed.

Economics and Finances courses highly emphasize mathematics.

D. Application

i) Procedures Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in



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	NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.
	Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.
ii) Deadlines	All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.
	Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	On-campus accommodation for exchange students is on first-come-first-served basis and NOT guaranteed. Exchange students are advised to apply through the application link embedded in the online application form in the first email from HKU as soon as the application starts.
	The accommodation availability is usually higher in Spring semester (Semester 2) than in Fall semester (Semester 1). Students are encouraged to consider going on exchange in HKU in semester 2.
	Most of the rooms are double room. Only St. John's College, Ricci Hall and HKU Residential Colleges provide very limited single rooms.
	Some halls have compulsory meal plans, others do not (see <u>Hall</u> <u>Charges</u> for details). For those residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans, they can have meals on campus.
	For more information on accommodation, please refer to http://www.cedars.hku.hk/sections/accommodation.php
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	All non-local students are required to obtain a student visa to study in HKSAR. Students can apply through one of the following ways:
	(i) China Affairs Office (CAO): For Mainland Chinese students, and Chinese students from institution outside China, please:



(1) Visit

http://www.als.hku.hk/hkucao/svapp e.php for further information.

- (2) Submit online application via CAO.
- (3) Mail hard copy of complete set of application to:

China Affairs Office

MG14, G/F, Main Building

The University of Hong Kong

Pokfulam, Hong Kong

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OR

(ii) Centre of Development and Resources for Student (CEDARS): For non-local students with nationalities other than Chinese, or Chinese nationals with residency in overseas, please:

(1) Visit

http://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/VisaMatters/Form

for further information.

- (2) Send soft copy of complete set of application by email to visa-exchange@cedars.hku.hk for checking.
- (3) Mail hard copy of complete set of application to:

Centre of Development and Resources for Students

3/F, Meng Wah Complex

The University of Hong Kong

Pokfulam, Hong Kong

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***All documents must be with hand-written signature of the applicants. Printed or soft copies will not be accepted. You may be requested to submit other supporting document(s), if any, as well.

Please note nationality is based on the passport you plan to enter HK with, NOT country of residence.

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to

http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to 'Insurance Cover for Official NUS Trips' through



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http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html HKU provides free primary health care to full-time students at the University's out-patient clinic. Dental service is also available at a notional charge. Please visit http://www.uhs.hku.hk/ for more information. Medical insurance is optional but highly recommended. Students can purchase accident insurance upon their arrival at HKU. For more information on insurance, please refer to http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/applicationprocedures/insurance ii) Emergency Please check with the host university. Number at host university H. Cost of Living **Estimated Monthly Breakdown of Costs** Cost **Living Expenses** Accommodation HK\$4,600 Food HK\$3,000 Transport HK\$300 Others (Entertainment, clothes, HK\$500 - HK\$1,000 books, electricity etc) **Monthly Estimate** HK\$8,400 - HK\$8,900

I. Useful Links

Office of Internationa	I
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http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming