EXCHANGE

FACT SHEET

2024-25

香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

學術交流處
Office of
Academic Links

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

As the second oldest university in Hong Kong, CUHK is a comprehensive research university with a global vision and mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together China and the West. CUHK's firmly rooted Chinese culture, multiculturalism and its unique college system set itself apart from other universities in Hong Kong and in the region.

CUHK has always been at the forefront of teaching and research, nurturing the next generation of leaders in all fields. The galaxy of distinguished scholars and researchers at CUHK include a Nobel Laureate, a Fields Medallist, a Turing Award winner, and countless academics with international recognition.

Hong Kong is a relatively small city conveniently connected by a subway and train system which is always on time. Situated in Shatin with its own train station, the University is just minutes away from one of the city's largest shopping malls, 25 minutes from the central business district on Hong Kong Island and 20 minutes from Lo Wu, the border to the Chinese Mainland. The campus, which overlooks the scenic Tolo Harbour and is surrounded by greenery, has grown over the years to become the city's largest, greenest, and most sustainably designed campus. A wide range of academic, residential, sports and leisure facilities provide an all-round campus experience for students studying at CUHK.

13th Times Higher Education Most International Universities 2024

47th QS World University Rankings 2024

1st in Hong Kong — U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings 2023

HONG KONG

Hong Kong is not just another metropolitan city, it is the hub of Asia; a city that never sleeps with non-stop intensity. It is a perfect blend of fascinating contrasts where East meets West, where busy city pace meets natural countryside, and where endless skyscrapers meet traditional lifestyle. Here, you can find a variety of rich and diverse experiences packed in an easy and fast to get around city.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC LINKS

The Office of Academic Links (OAL) at CUHK serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL drives internationalisation of the University in its research, teaching and learning programmes. It develops and manages global learning programmes to nurture students to have a high degree of intercultural sensitivity, acceptability and a global perspective and welcomes students from around the world to experience CUHK's outstanding teaching and vibrant campus community.

OAL will be your home department at CUHK and is the single point of contact to facilitate all aspects of your study at the university before, during and after your time at CUHK.

Admission and Application

Students can apply to CUHK either as an exchange or study abroad (fee-paying) student, and study for one term, one year (two terms) or one summer. Application is open to university students worldwide. Prior knowledge in Chinese is not required.

Exchange or Study Abroad?

Students will be considered as exchange if their home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. In other cases, students will be considered as study abroad. Check with the international office at the home institution.

Admission Requirements

- Completed at least two terms of university studies
- Be in good academic standing with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B average or better); applications with a slightly lower GPA will be carefully assessed
- With good disciplinary record and standing

Application Procedure

EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

1. Apply through home institution
2. Be nominated by home institution
3. Complete CUHK online application
4. Submit supporting documents to home institution

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS:

1. Complete CUHK online application
2. Submit hardcopy of supporting documents to CUHK

Application Deadline

TERM	DATE
First Term (Sep-Dec) / Year	1 April
Second Term (January-Mid-May)	2 October
Summer (July)	30 April
Summer (August)	31 May

Fee Payment Arrangements

	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS
Application Fee	Waived	To CUHK
Tuition	To Home Institution	To CUHK
Accommodation Fees	To CUHK*	To CUHK
Administration and other Miscellaneous Fees	To CUHK	To CUHK

** Exceptions apply to some institutions.*

Student Visa

All admitted students are required to apply for a student visa (regardless of nationality, except for Hong Kong permanent residents) through the Office of Academic Links before coming to Hong Kong.

Health Insurance

The University Health Service at CUHK provides free primary health care and clinical services to all exchange students. Exchange students should arrange additional accidental and medical insurance at their own cost during their stay in Hong Kong to cover their travelling around Asia.

Living on campus

Living on the CUHK campus is convenient and affordable. OAL will place exchange students in on-campus accommodations (hostels), where there are plenty of opportunities to integrate with locals through the many formal and informal activities organised by the hostels. A wide range of facilities, including world-class libraries, art museum, music halls, swimming pool, sport fields, tennis courts, squash courts, water sports centre and gymnasiums provide an all-round campus experience.

Programme Date
(Tentative)

First Term		Second Term
26 - 27 August 2024	Arrival	2 - 3 January 2025
28 - 30 August 2024	Orientation	4 - 5 January 2025
2 September 2024	First Class	6 January 2025
30 November 2024	Last Class	17 April 2025
4 - 20 December 2024	Exam Period	24 April - 10 May 2025

Course

All English-taught courses at CUHK are open to exchange students, with the following exceptions:

- Faculty of Medicine and Education courses
- Faculty of Law courses (reserved for Law majors only)
- MBA courses (except for MBA specific exchange agreements)
- Architectural Design Studio courses (except for Architecture specific exchange agreements)
- Courses with prefix: PHED (except for those with an X after the course number)
- College General Education courses (except for New Asia students taking General Education courses offered within their own college) i.e. courses with prefixes GECC, GEJC, GEMC, GESH, GEUC, GESC
- Student oriented teaching courses, i.e. courses with course number beginning with '0'
- FINA courses under MSc in Finance Programme offered by theDepartment of Finance
- MEDN courses offered by the School of Life Sciences
- Courses under MSc in Advanced Environmental Planning Technologies / MSc in Hospitality and Real Estate Management / MSc in Housing Studies Programme
- Any other courses deemed by the Department to be restricted

Course Load

Minimum	Maximum
9 units	18 units
3 courses per term	6 courses per term

Note: Most CUHK courses are 3-unit each. The average course load for exchange students is 4-5 courses per term.

Course Offering

Courses offered in 2023-24 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2024-25 and are available at www.res.cuhk.edu.hk -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Teaching Timetable -> Full-time Undergraduate Teaching Timetable -> "Public Access"

Most 3-unit courses are composed of 3 hours of lecture or 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial per week. Assessment may include any one or a combination of the following: attendance, class work, written work, laboratory work, field work, research papers, tests, examinations, and any other assessment.

Chinese Language Centre

The Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) offers Cantonese and Putonghua courses at all levels. Most undergraduate exchange students can take a maximum of 6 units (2 courses) each term without paying additional tuition fees. Postgraduate exchange students are required to pay tuition for taking Chinese proficiency courses.

Contact us !

For Exchange Partners

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- Ms Frances SO (Programme Coordination for Asia & Oceania)
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For Students

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