

STUDY ABROAD

@ THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Office of
Academic Links

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See You @ CUHK!



Welcome to

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 a mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together China and the West. CUHK has been at the forefront of research, advancing the frontiers of knowledge and technology. It boasts a galaxy of distinguished scholars and researchers, who include four Nobel Laureates, a Fields medalist, a Turing Award winner, and members of the Royal Society.

Overlooking the scenic Tolo Harbour, CUHK is the largest, greenest and most sustainably designed campus in Hong Kong. CUHK distinguishes itself from other local universities with its firmly rooted Chinese culture, multiculturalism, and a unique college system. It houses a range of facilities essential for an all-round campus experience, such as world-class libraries, art museum, music halls, swimming pool, sports fields, tennis courts, squash courts, water sports centre and gymnasiums.

HK's Most Innovative University

Reuters 2016

44th QS World University



#8 in Asia

QS Top Universities 2016

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Colleges



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Student Population of Over

19,000

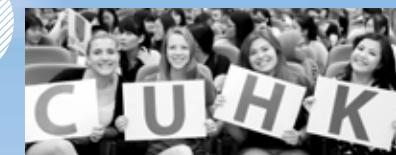


Largest Campus in HK

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Academic Faculties

Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science and Social Sciences



The Office of Academic Links

The Office of Academic Links (OAL) serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL promotes and facilitates the internationalisation of the University in its research, teaching and learning programmes so as to seek recognition for the University as a leader on the global stage and to nurture students to have a high degree of inter-cultural sensitivity, tolerance and a global perspective.



OAL will serve as your home department during your time at CUHK and provide a single point of contact to facilitate all aspects of your studies, both before and after arrival. Some of the assistance you will receive include:

- ✓ Admission & visa application
- ✓ Course registration
- ✓ On-campus housing arrangement
- ✓ Pre-arrival preparation
- ✓ Orientation activities
- ✓ Cultural programmes

The first student exchange programme at CUHK was launched in 1965 with the University of California system. Since then, CUHK has continued to receive students through 380 programmes with partner institutions in more than 30 countries. With a population of over 1,400 international exchange students each year, the CUHK campus is truly an international melting-pot.



Hong Kong

Asia's World City, City of Life

Hong Kong is Asia's World City. A city that never sleeps with non-stop intensity. A perfect blend of fascinating contrasts where East meets West, where busy city pace meets natural countryside, and where endless skyscrapers meet traditional lifestyle. A variety of rich and diverse experiences packed in an easy and fast to get around city.



Experience life in an international cosmopolitan

Seven percent of Hong Kong's population of over seven million are from foreign countries, creating multi-cultural lifestyles that are unique to the city.

Learn about business and trade in the world's freest economy

Hong Kong has exceptional autonomy in trade and business where many multi-national corporations establish Asian headquarters here. Many people come to learn the secrets of Hong Kong's success.

Follow traces of Chinese and Western cultures

Traditional Chinese values such as loyalty to friends and family, and respect for the elderly are well preserved while its history as a former British colony has left a legacy of western ways.

Explore the outdoors

Over seventy percent of Hong Kong is covered by national parks and greenery. Escape the buzzing city life on one of the world's most convenient public transportation system and indulge yourself in the spectacular countryside.



Eat and shop around the clock

Street stalls and shopping malls offer great bargains and operate until late in the evening. Chinese and international cuisines are available and delicious night snacks can be found at 24-hour eateries.



Travel to Mainland China and Asia in a blink

The commuter train from CUHK reaches the boarder of Mainland China in just 25 minutes. A day trip to Shenzhen or study breaks to Beijing or Shanghai are only some of the extensive options available. Being in the centre of Asia, travelling around is extremely fast and easy. Flying to Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam only takes a nap.



Getting around the city

At the bottom of the campus is the University Station. Travelling north for 20 minutes will take you to Lo Wu, the border of Hong Kong and China where travellers and locals frequently go for delicious food, handbags, electronic gadgets, and cheap massages. Travelling south for 30 minutes will take you to the CBD of the Kowloon Peninsula and another 10 minutes will get you to Central on the island. The campus is conveniently located in Shatin, a suburb in the northeastern part of the city. It is primarily a residential area with a population of approximately 650,000. There's nothing short to do in Shatin. It is home to one of two horse racecourses, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery, and the New Town Plaza shopping centre where you can shop til you drop!

Studying about China and other disciplines

Given its geographical location, traditions and ties, students enjoy special advantages in the study of China at CUHK. This ranges from the humanities and social sciences, to business as well as the sciences. Different specialties in engineering including electronic, information, automation engineering command world-leading positions. CUHK's Business, Law, and Medical Schools are reputable training grounds for professionals in their respective fields as well as centres of seminal research.

Come Study @CUHK

Living on campus

There are 41 residential halls (or hostels as they are called) at CUHK. International students are placed in the hostels, providing not only convenience, but also additional opportunities to get to know the locals through the many formal and informal activities organised by the hostels and its residents. Besides, on-campus accommodation at CUHK is extremely

Experiencing the unique college system

CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong with a collegiate system. The nine colleges of CUHK offer a plethora of non-formal learning opportunities to complement the formal curricula. Undergraduate international students are assigned to one of the colleges and benefit from the college community through which they get to know the locals



Academic Experience@CUHK



With more than 140 major and minor programmes offered by 58 schools/departments in English and Chinese, you will be able to tailor-make a study programme that meets your academic needs. You can further your major or minor studies, explore a completely new discipline, or concentrate on language and cultural studies.

Areas of studies open to international students include:

Arts

Anthropology, Chinese language & literature, Cultural & religious studies, English, Fine Arts, History, Japanese studies, Linguistics & modern languages, Music, Philosophy, and Translation

Business Administration

Accountancy, Decision sciences & managerial economics, Finance, Hotel & tourism management, Management, and Marketing

Education

Sports science & physical education

Engineering

Computer science & engineering, Electronic engineering, Information engineering, Mechanical & automation engineering, and Systems engineering & engineering management

Law

(Only available to law major students meeting individual course pre-requisites)

Medicine

Public health & primary care

Science

Chemistry, Life sciences, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics

Faculty of Social Science

Architecture, Economics, Geography & resource management, Government & public administration, Journalism & communication, Psychology, Social work, and Sociology

Other Special Studies

Chinese language for non-native speakers, Contemporary China studies, General education, and Global studies

For a comprehensive list of courses which are taught in English and normally available to international students, please visit www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk.



Chinese Language Courses

With a history of over half a century, the Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) is at the forefront of Chinese learning techniques and is one of the largest centres of its kind worldwide. The CLC offers Putonghua and Cantonese courses at all levels. International students are welcome to take up to 6 units of approved Chinese language courses per term as part of their programme of study.

Centre for China Studies

Courses offered by the Contemporary China studies programme are all taught in English and are popular among international students who are either striving for in-depth knowledge on China or just want to catch a glimpse of Chinese culture or society irrespective of what majors they are. A sample of the many courses include:

China on Screen

Chinese Business and Economy

Chinese Society in Transformation

Contemporary Chinese Popular Culture

Investment and Finance in China

War and Revolution in China

Cultural Experience @CUHK

Cultural experience is an integral part of your experience at CUHK and is something which you cannot acquire from the classroom. To fully maximise your experience at CUHK, cultural, extra-curricular and sports programmes are available to you.

Orientation

An extensive orientation programme prepares you for your stay and study at CUHK and covers information on academics, student life, Chinese culture, Hong Kong society and support services available at CUHK. It will be an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with fellow international students.

Community service programme

Opportunities are available to international students to engage in community service. For example, CLOVER is a cultural diversity and voluntary service programme in which local, Mainland and international students join hands in providing community services to those in need.



Cultural and extra-curricular programmes

Many informal learning opportunities are provided outside the classroom. Cultural activities include field trips, teaching-in-China programme, teaching-in-Hong Kong programme, martial arts classes and many more.

Accommodation

Undergraduate international students live in shared on-campus accommodation at one of the nine colleges. They are conveniently located across the campus and easily accessible with the on-campus bus system. Living with a local roommate will no doubt help you quickly adapt to the new environment and culture.



Meeting the locals

There will be countless opportunities to meet local students at classes, canteens, karaoke boxes, hiking trips, BBQs and other social gatherings. Be active, open-minded and daring.

Student services and facilities

A range of facilities, resources and support services are available to aid students at CUHK. They include computing labs, libraries, health clinic, counselling services, sports facilities, canteens, bookstores, supermarket, banks and even a hair salon.



Student organisations

CUHK boasts a variety of student organisations, from Chinese martial arts to photography to drama. Those within academic departments and colleges are often the most active. Most take place in Cantonese but international students can still participate with rewarding results.

College activities

Colleges at CUHK organise a variety of cultural and sports activities including singing contests, varsity sporting competitions, drama nights, festive celebrations and language enhancement programmes. Dessert nights are not to be missed.



Admission & Application @CUHK

CUHK welcomes you, as an exchange or study abroad (fee-paying) student. You can come for one term, one year or one summer. Application is open to university students of any nationality with sufficient proficiency in either English or Chinese. No prior knowledge in Chinese is necessary.

Exchange or study abroad

You will be considered an exchange student if your home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. You will be considered a study abroad student if your home institution has no formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK.

Admission requirements

- Completed at least 2 semesters of university studies
- Be in good academic standing with a grade point average (GPA) of 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

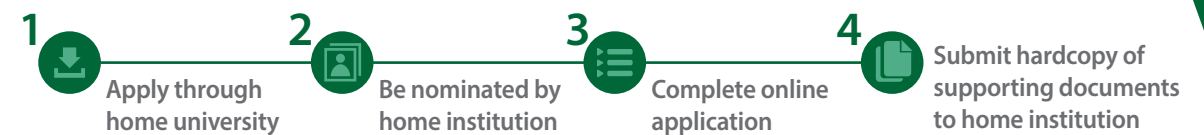


Academic calendar

	First Term	Second Term	Summer (July)	Summer (August)
Orientation	Late August	Early January	Late June	Early August
First day of class	Early September	Early January	Late June	Early August
Last day of exams	Late December	Mid-May	Early August	Late August

Application procedures

For exchange students:



For study abroad students:



Application deadlines

First term/year (September) :1 April
Second term (January) :2 October

Summer (July) : 30 April
Summer (August) : 31 May

Fees

For exchange students:

- Tuition paid to home institution
- Hostel fee paid to CUHK (or to home institutions depending on specific exchange agreement)
- Administration and other miscellaneous fees paid to CUHK

For study abroad students:

- Application fee paid to CUHK
- Tuition paid to CUHK
- Hostel fee paid to CUHK
- Administration and other miscellaneous fees paid to CUHK

Cost of Living @CUHK

Generally speaking, living in Hong Kong can be expensive, however living at CUHK is extremely affordable as on-campus hostels and meals at student canteens are heavily subsidised. The following table shows the approximate living costs at CUHK for an undergraduate.



Items	\$US per year
On-campus hostel fee	1,500
Meals on campus	4,650
Personal expenses (e.g. books, daily expenses such as laundry and local transportation)	1,800
Cultural activities	130
Visa application fee	69
Administration fee	136
Total yearly cost	8,285

* Hostel fees vary depending on the hostel building.

The above table is for reference only. Costs are based on on-campus living. Costs may change due to inflation and will vary depending on individual lifestyles and preferences.



Summer@CUHK

CUHK International Summer School

CUHK has been offering a summer programme to exchange and study abroad students since 2004. Some 500 international students are attracted to CUHK annually from all over the world. International students are joined by local students in academic and cultural immersion. This is a great opportunity for you to gain a Hong Kong and Asian perspective from your peers and to explore Chinese culture through activities, excursions and field trips.



July Session

A five-week programme commencing in late-June. You enroll in up to two 3-credit courses. Areas of study include business, Chinese language (Cantonese and Putonghua), Chinese medicine, engineering, environmental studies, humanities and social science. An optional tour to Beijing allows you to visit major local attractions including the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Olympic stadiums and Summer Palace.

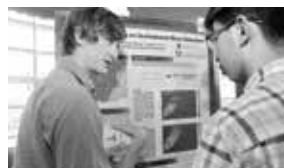
August Session

A three-week programme in the month of August offering intensive Chinese language training. You enroll in up to two 3-credit courses. There is opportunity to acquire pragmatic competence through classroom learning and immersion activities.



Summer Undergraduate Research Programme

The Summer Undergraduate Research programme (SURP) provides an opportunity for international undergraduate students to undertake research attachment for eight weeks. Students will conduct research under the supervision of a CUHK faculty member and earn 3 credits upon successful completion of the programme.



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