



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

For Visiting Students

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WELCOME TO CUHK



Top 50 Worldwide
*QS World University
Rankings 2020*

Top 10 in Asia
*Times Higher Education
Asia University Rankings 2020*



5th Worldwide
*Times Higher Education
Most International Universities*



**HK's Most
Innovative University**
Reuters 2016-19



9 Colleges
C.W. Chu, Chung Chi,
Lee Woo Sing, Morningside,
New Asia, S.H. Ho, Shaw,
United and Wu Yee Sun



20,000 +
Student Population

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a comprehensive research university with a global vision. It was founded with a 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 sets 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 and advancing the frontiers of knowledge and technology. 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.

Located in Shatin, a suburban area of Hong Kong, the CUHK campus overlooks the scenic Tolo Harbour and is nestled in lush greenery. Over the years, it has evolved into the largest, greenest and most sustainably designed campus in the city. A wide range of academic, residential, sports and leisure facilities provide an all-round campus experience for anyone studying at CUHK.



8 Academic Faculties
Arts, Business Administration,
Education, Engineering, Law,
Medicine, Science and
Social Science



**Largest and Greenest
Campus in HK**

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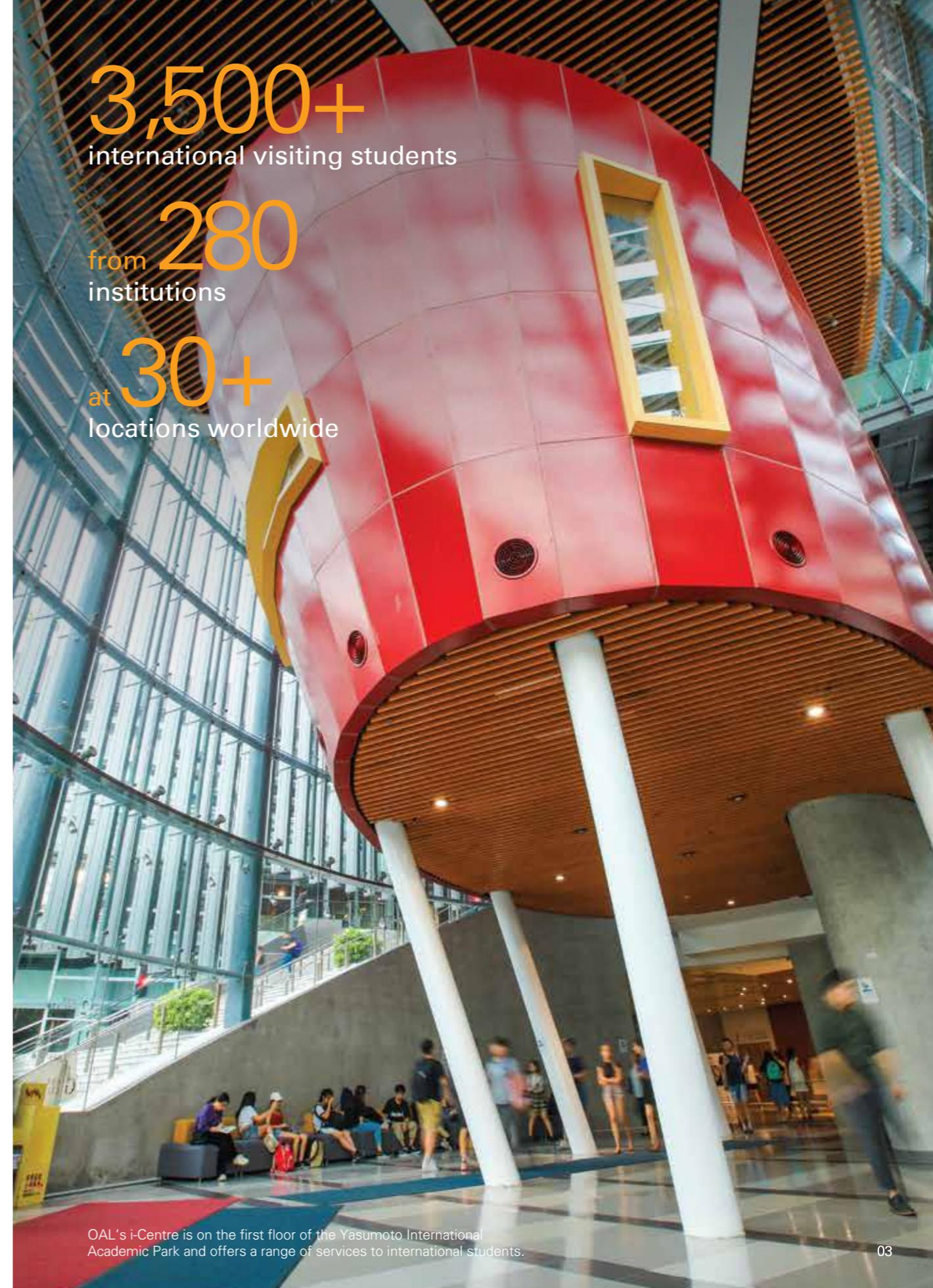
The Office of Academic Links (OAL) at CUHK serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL promotes and facilitates the internationalisation of the University in its research, teaching and learning programmes so as to seek recognition for the University as a leader on the global stage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

Student exchange and study abroad programmes

The first student exchange programme at CUHK was launched in 1965 with the University of California system. Since then, CUHK has continued to expand its exchange partner network to receive students from over 280 institutions in more than 30 locations worldwide. With a population of over 3,500 international visiting students each year, CUHK is truly an international melting pot.

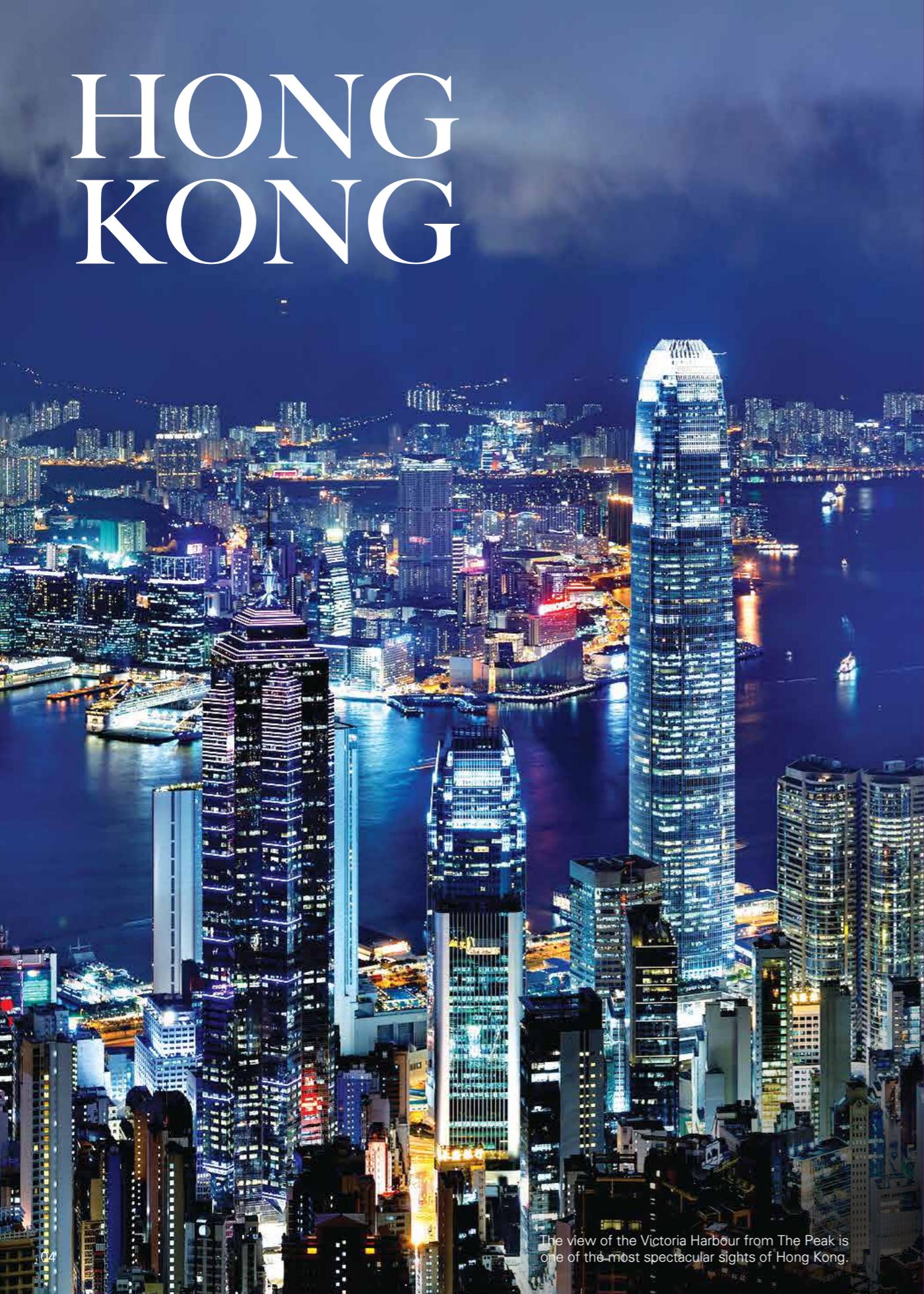
We are here for you

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, both before and after arrival:



OAL's i-Centre is on the first floor of the Yasumoto International Academic Park and offers a range of services to international students.

HONG KONG



The view of the Victoria Harbour from The Peak is one of the most spectacular sights of Hong Kong.

Asia's World City, City of Life

Hong Kong is not just an ordinary metropolitan city. It is the hub of Asia. 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. Here, you can find a variety of rich and diverse experiences packed in an easy and fast to get around city.

Experience life in an international cosmopolitan

About 600,000 of Hong Kong's population of 7.52 million are from foreign countries, creating multicultural 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 regional headquarters here. Many people come to learn the secrets of Hong Kong's success and to establish networks for their future careers.



7.52 million
Total population¹
~ 600,000
Foreign population¹



25 years consecutively
world's freest economy²



US\$1,197 billion,
3% of world total
Total trade value in 2018³



1,541
MNC regional headquarters⁴

Journey through the unique culinary culture of Hong Kong during trips organised for international students around the city.



Join fellow international students to experience Hong Kong's traditional Chinese culture.



10th century CE
Chinese people began settling in Hong Kong⁵



1842-1997
Hong Kong was a British colony⁵



< 25%
Area of developed land¹

40%
Area of country parks and nature reserves¹

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

Escape the bustling city life and enjoy the wide variety of outdoor activities available, just minutes away from the urban centre.

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 abundant and delicious night snacks can be found at 24-hour eateries.

Travel to mainland China and Asia in a blink

The train from CUHK reaches the border of mainland China in just 25 minutes. A day trip to Shenzhen or a study break to Beijing are just some of the extensive options available. Being in the centre of Asia, travelling around is extremely fast and easy.



Sources:

¹ <https://www.gov.hk/en/about/abouthk/facts.htm>

² <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201901/25/P2019012500772.htm>

³ <https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/publications/tradestat/wmtrtt.html>

⁴ <https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/so360.jsp>

⁵ <http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/plan-your-trip/traveller-info/about-hong-kong/history.jsp>

LIFE ON EXCHANGE



Getting around the city

CUHK has its own train station, connected to the city's extensive MTR metro network. The nearby suburban town of Shatin, the urban centres of Mong Kok, Tsim Sha Tsui and Central, and the border with mainland China are all within reach in 30 minutes. An abundance of public transportation modes including metro, buses, minibuses, trams, ferries and taxis take you to virtually all corners of Hong Kong.



Living on campus

Living on the CUHK campus is convenient and affordable. International students at CUHK have guaranteed on-campus accommodation (hostel) placement, where there are plenty of opportunities to get to know the 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.



Studying about China and other disciplines

CUHK is the best place for you to learn about China given Hong Kong's special geographical and political context, and CUHK's rich Chinese tradition, culture and ties. This is reflected in a wide variety of disciplines at the University, including humanities, social science, business and the sciences. CUHK's Business, Engineering, Law and Medical Schools are reputable training grounds for professionals in their respective fields as well as centres of seminal research.



Experiencing the unique college system

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



ACADEMICS

At CUHK, you can tailor-make your study plan from 150 major and minor options available. The majority of courses are taught in English. 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, China Studies, Chinese Language and Literature, Cultural and Religious Studies, English, Fine Arts, History, Japanese Studies, Linguistics and Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theology, Translation

Business Administration

Accountancy, Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics, Finance, Hotel and Tourism Management, Management, Marketing

Education

Sports Science and Physical Education

Engineering

Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Information Engineering, Mechanical and Automation Engineering, Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

Law

Only available to law major students meeting individual course prerequisites

Medicine

Public Health and Primary Care

Science

Chemistry, Life Science, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics

Social Science

Architecture, Economics, Gender Studies, Geography and Resource Management, Government and Public Administration, Journalism and Communication, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology

Other Special Studies

Chinese Language for Non-native Speakers, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, General Education, Global Studies, Independent Research on International Studies

Chinese Language Courses

With a history of over half a century, the Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) at CUHK is at the forefront of Chinese learning techniques and is one of the largest centres of its kind worldwide. The CLC offers Putonghua (Mandarin) and Cantonese courses from beginner to advanced levels. As an international undergraduate student, you can take up to 6 units of approved Chinese language courses per term as part of your study programme.

Centre for China Studies

Courses offered by the Chinese Studies Programme of the CUHK Centre for China Studies are all taught in English and are popular among international students who are either looking to deepen their 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:



Please visit www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/getting_started/ for a comprehensive list of courses taught in English and available to international students.



CUHK's world-class library facilities are hubs for knowledge and idea exchange.



Immerse in Chinese culture through traditional Chinese arts and crafts.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Cultural and social experiences are integral parts of your exchange at CUHK besides classroom education. A wide range of activities are available outside the classroom for you to get in touch with local and international students, explore Chinese culture, experience Hong Kong and enjoy your time at CUHK.



Orientation

The orientation prepares you for your time at CUHK and covers extensive information for surviving on campus and in Hong Kong. It is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow international students.

Cultural and extra-curricular activities

Field trips and excursions around town, gatherings, and classes in Chinese martial arts, calligraphy and cooking are just some of the many activities available to international students at CUHK.

Community service programme

Opportunities are available to international students to engage in community service. For example, The Rural Schools Service Project brings you to teach English or Putonghua at local secondary schools and gives you an opportunity to join cultural activities organised by the schools.

Accommodation

Undergraduate international students live in shared accommodation at one of the nine colleges. They are located across the campus and are easily accessible with the on-campus bus system. Living with a local roommate is the quickest way to adapt to the new environment and culture.

Meeting the locals

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

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 participate with rewarding results.

Student services and facilities

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

College activities

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

COST OF LIVING

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 table on the right shows the approximate living costs at CUHK for an undergraduate in one term.

Estimated costs per term

Item	HKD	USD*	EUR*
Accommodation	8,000	1,032	874
Meals	30,000	3,871	3,279
Mandatory Meal Plan#	2,500	323	273
Books and Necessities	5,000	645	546
Local Transportation	3,100	400	339
Visa Application Fee	630	81	69
Administration Fee	1,100	142	120
Hostel Deposit (Refundable)	1,000	129	109
Caution Money (Refundable)	450	58	49
Total	51,780	6,681	5,659

* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.75HKD and 1EUR to 9.15HKD.

Applies to students assigned to Morningside, S.H. Ho & C.W. Chu Colleges only. There are three dinners per week.

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.

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

You 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?

You will be considered as an **exchange student** if your home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. In other cases, you will be considered as a **study abroad student**. Check with the international office of your home institution to find out if you can come to CUHK on an exchange or study abroad basis.

Admission requirements

- Completed at least 2 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

Academic calendar

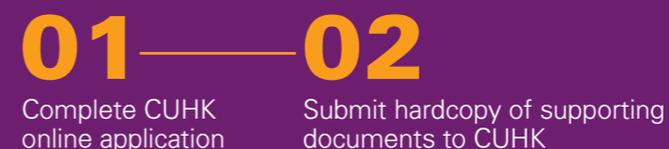
	First Term	Second Term	Summer (July)	Summer (August)
Orientation	Late August	Early January	Late June	Early August
First day of class	Early September	Early January	Late June	Early August
Last day of exams	Late December	Mid-May	Early August	Late August

Application procedures

Exchange students:



Study abroad students:



Application deadlines

First Term / Year (September)	1 April
Second Term (January)	2 October
Summer (July)	30 April
Summer (August)	31 May

To whom should I pay the fees?

	Exchange students	Study abroad students
Application fee	N/A	CUHK
Tuition	Home institution	CUHK
Accommodation fees	CUHK*	CUHK
Administration and other miscellaneous fees	CUHK	CUHK

* Exceptions apply to some institutions.

Located at the east end of the University Mall, the Science Centre is one of the most iconic landmarks of CUHK.

SUMMER@CUHK

CUHK International Summer School

The CUHK International Summer School (ISS) was first offered in 2004 and has since become one of the most popular university summer programmes in the region. Each year, over 600 international students gather at the CUHK campus to join local students in an intensive programme of 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

The ISS July Session is a 5-week programme that takes place in late June to early August. You can enrol in up to two 3-credit courses in a wide range of academic disciplines and join the optional Beijing tour to explore China's historic capital city.

Some 20 courses are on offer in these areas:

- Business and Management
- China Studies
- Chinese Language (Putonghua / Mandarin and Cantonese)
- Environment, Science and Technology
- Humanities and Social Science

August Session

The ISS August Session is a 3-week programme that runs from early to late August. You can enrol in two 3-credit courses of intensive Chinese language training in Putonghua (Mandarin). Beginner to advanced levels are available. There is opportunity to acquire pragmatic competence through classroom learning and immersion activities.

Visit www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk for more details on the CUHK International Summer School.



SURP is an invaluable opportunity for undergraduates to explore their postgraduate careers.



The ISS is a summer programme that combines vigorous academic studies and cultural immersion for students from around the world.

Summer Undergraduate Research Programme

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

Visit www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk/surp for more details on the Summer Undergraduate Research Programme.



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