



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



# EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

Fact Sheet 2019-20

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# WELCOME TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

CUHK is located at Shatin with easy access to both Hong Kong's city centre and the border with mainland China.



**Top 50 Worldwide**  
QS World University  
Rankings 2019

**Top 10 in Asia**  
Times Higher Education  
Asia University Rankings 2018



**HK's Most  
Innovative University**  
Reuters 2016, 2017 and 2018



**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



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



**Largest and Greenest  
Campus in HK**

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 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.



# 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.

### Housing

Undergraduate exchange students are guaranteed in on-campus housing and are assigned to double or triple-occupancy rooms. Living with local students will ease the transition to a new environment and promote Chinese culture immersion. On-campus housing is assigned automatically; application is not required.

### 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.

Item	HKD	USD*
Accommodation	7,000	891
Meals	26,000	3,312
Mandatory Meal Plan <sup>#</sup>	2,200	280
Books and Supplies	5,000	637
Local Transportation	3,100	395
Visa Application Fee	630	80
Administration Fee	1,100	140
Hostel Deposit (Refundable)	1,000	127
Caution Money (Refundable)	450	57
Total	46,480	5,921

\* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.85HKD.

<sup>#</sup> 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.

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



# LIFE ON EXCHANGE



## Programme Dates

### Fall Term 2019

Arrival	26 or 27 August 2019
Orientation	28 - 31 August 2019
First Class	2 September 2019
Last Class	30 November 2019
Exam Period	4 - 20 December 2019

### Spring Term 2020

Arrival	2 January 2020
Orientation	3 - 5 January 2020
First Class	6 January 2020
Last Class	18 April 2020
Exam Period	22 April - 9 May 2020

## Orientation

Orientation activities are organized to help students adapt to the new environment at CUHK. It covers information on the curriculum, study life, Chinese culture, Hong Kong society and support services available. In addition, it will be a great opportunity for students to get acquainted with each other.



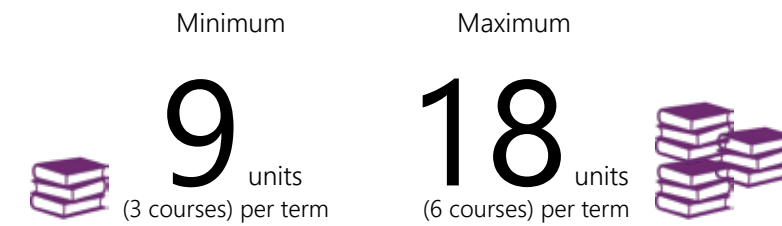


# COURSE

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 the Department 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



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 2018-19 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2019-20 and are available at [www.res.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.res.cuhk.edu.hk) -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Teaching Timetable -> Full-time Undergraduate -> Teaching Timetable.

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.





# ADMISSION & APPLICATION

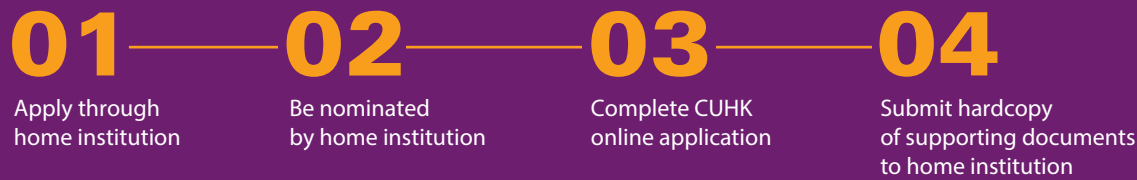
CUHK welcomes you, as an exchange or study abroad (fee-paying) student. You can come for one term, one year or one summer. Application is open to university students of any nationality with sufficient proficiency in either English or Chinese. No prior knowledge in Chinese is necessary.

## Exchange or study abroad?

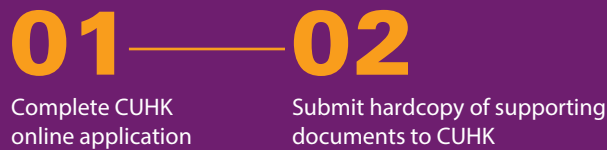
You will be considered as an **exchange student** if your home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. In other cases, you will be considered as a **study abroad student**. Check with the international office of your home institution to find out if you can come to CUHK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

## 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 a number of 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.



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