



EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

@The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Fact Sheet 2023-24

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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.



38th Worldwide
QS World University Rankings 2023



9th Worldwide
*Times Higher Education
Most International Universities*



HK's Most Innovative University
Reuters 2016-19



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



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



21,000 +
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 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.

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.



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



**Largest & Greenest
Campus in HK**

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 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. No separate application for on-campus housing is 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 below shows the approximate living costs at CUHK for an undergraduate in one term.

Item	HKD	USD*	EUR*
Accommodation	8,000	1,019	1,046
Meals (includes eating out on weekends)	30,000	3,822	3,922
Mandatory Meal Plan [#]	2,500	318	327
Books and Supplies	5,000	637	654
Local Transportation	3,100	395	405
Visa Application Fee	330 - 630	42 - 80	43 - 82
Administration Fee	1,100	140	144
Hostel Deposit (Refundable)	1,000	127	131
Caution Money (Refundable)	450	57	59
Miscellaneous Expenses (includes 1 trip to an Asian Country)	5,000	645	556
Total	56,480 - 56,780	7,202 - 7,240	7,287 - 7,326

* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.85HKD and 1EUR to 7.65HKD.

[#] 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 (Tentative)*

Fall Term 2023

Arrival	28 - 29 August 2023
Orientation	30 August – 1 September 2023
First Class	4 September 2023
Last Class	2 December 2023
Exam Period	6 - 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Arrival	2 - 3 January 2024
Orientation	4 - 5 January 2024
First Class	8 January 2024
Last Class	20 April 2024
Exam Period	24 April – 11 May 2024

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 to network with fellow international students.



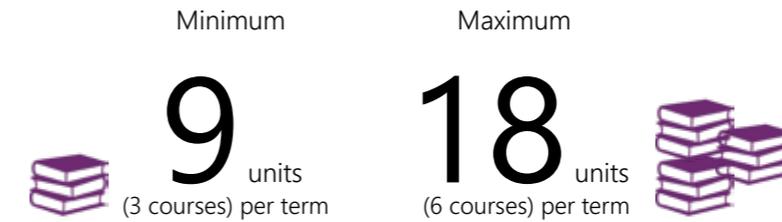
*Programme dates are subject to changes without prior notice.

COURSES

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

- Faculty of Medicine courses (except some biomedical sciences and public health courses)
- Faculty of Education courses (except some sports science and physical education (SPED) courses taught in English, and physical education (PHED) courses with an X after the course number)
- Faculty of Law courses (except Law major students)
- Architectural Design Studio courses (except for students from specific Architecture agreements)
- College General Education (GECC, GEJC, GEMC, GESH, GEUC, GESC) courses (except for New Asia College students taking General Education courses offered by New Asia College)
- Student-orientated teaching (STOT) courses
- MAcc/MBA/MSc courses offered by the Faculty of Business Administration (except for students from specific MAcc/MBA/MSc agreements)
- MSc in Advanced Environmental Planning Technologies (AEPT) and MSc in Housing Studies(HSGS) courses
- FNSC courses under the Food and Nutritional Sciences programme in the School of Life Sciences
- Any other courses restricted by their offering Departments

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 2022-23 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2023-24 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.



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.

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	Waived	CUHK
Tuition	Home institution	CUHK
Accommodation fees	CUHK*	CUHK
Administration and other miscellaneous fees	CUHK	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 outpatient and clinical services to all exchange students. Exchange students should arrange additional accidental and medical insurance at their own cost to cover their stay in Hong Kong and travelling around Asia.

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