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Website for Exchange Information	<a href="http://intlaffairs.hku.hk/">http://intlaffairs.hku.hk/</a>																					
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<b>Nomination Procedures by Home Institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home institutions with student exchange partnerships with HKU may submit <b>online nominations</b> through <b>HKU Incoming Exchange Application System</b>.</li> <li>Please refer to <b>Nomination Procedures</b> and <b>HKU Exchange Partner User Manual</b> for a step-by-step online nomination guide.</li> <li>The following supporting documents should be uploaded by the home institution during nomination. If any of these are not available at the time of nomination, nominees should upload them during the application process.</li> </ul>									

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<b>Visa Application Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete <b>visa application</b> online by the visa application deadline and <b>send hard copies of application documents</b> to the designated visa office after receiving instructions. <i>[Please do not mail the visa application to International Affairs Office]</i></li> <li>• Please note that it will take <b>at least 10 weeks</b> to process student visa applications, and the visa application fee is non-refundable.</li> <li>• For more information on visa application procedures, please visit <a href="https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/">https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should submit online application through CEDARS Housing's <a href="#">Accommodation Application Link</a>.</li> <li>• Housing resources are limited, students are strongly advised to apply as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Acceptance Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the application deadline, student's exchange application will undergo review by the proposed faculty. The processing of application will take up to <b>1.5 months</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Results Announcement / Notice of Admission will be released by email. Students must complete the below steps to accept their offer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Step 1: Sign and submit Notice of Admission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Login to the online application account to accept/decline the offer and upload the signed Notice of Admission.</li> <li>- Send a copy of the signed Notice of Admission to the host faculty by email.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Step 2: Secure Visa Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upload a copy of the signed Notice of Admission to your online visa application.</li> <li>➤ Mainland students: <a href="https://studentvisa-mainland.hku.hk">https://studentvisa-mainland.hku.hk</a></li> <li>➤ International/Macao/Taiwan students: <a href="https://studentvisa-overseas.hku.hk/">https://studentvisa-overseas.hku.hk/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Step 3: Secure Accommodation Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send a copy of the signed Notice of Admission to CEDARS Housing at <a href="mailto:cedars.housing@hku.hk">cedars.housing@hku.hk</a> for their further processing of hall application.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<b>Courses Available for Exchange Students</b>	Please refer to <a href="#">Academic Information</a> for details.
<b>Restricted Programmes/Courses for Exchange Students</b>	<p>Programmes or courses offered by the following Faculties are <b>NOT opened to exchange students</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Dentistry</li> <li>• Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine</li> <li>• BSc (Exercise and Health) Programme</li> <li>• Most final year project courses provided by all faculties</li> </ul>
<b>Course Load</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6 credits per course</b> in general.</li> <li>• Students are recommended to take 24-30 credits for each semester unless otherwise permitted or required by the home institution and host faculty.</li> <li>• <b>50% of the course load must be chosen from ONE faculty</b> with the remaining credits from other faculties.</li> <li>• Detailed information can be found in <a href="#">Academic Information &gt; Available Courses offered by Faculties</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	All courses are taught in English, except for courses offered by the Department of Chinese (course codes start with CHIN, e.g. CHIN2013).
<b>Academic Calendar &amp; Semester Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Advising and Scholarships Office: <a href="#">Important Academic Dates</a></li> <li>• International Affairs Office: <a href="#">Academic Information &gt; Key Semester Dates</a></li> </ul>
<b>University Number (UID) &amp; Portal Account</b>	UID and Portal account details will be sent to students by email <b>around 1 to 2 weeks before semester starts</b> .
<b>Online Master Registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After obtaining HKU Portal account details, students should complete Online Master Registration via HKU Portal immediately.</li> <li>• Students may refer to <a href="#">Arrival Advice &gt; Preparation before Arriving HKU &gt; Online Master Registration</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Registration Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may refer to <a href="#">Arrival Advice &gt; Preparation before Arriving HKU &gt; Student Registration Procedures</a>.</li> </ul>

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### Course Enrolment

- Students are **not** automatically enrolled in the courses stated in the Notice of Admission; they are only eligible to take those courses.
- All students **MUST** enrol in courses during the Course Selection (only available in Semester One) and/or Add/Drop Periods (available in Semesters One and Two).
- Course enrolment is completed online via **HKU Portal**. Students will only be allowed to enrol in courses during the **Course Selection and/or Add/Drop Periods**. For detailed instructions, they may refer to **Quick Guide on Course Selection and Enrolment**.

Course approval is determined on a case-by-case basis and is subject to faculty approval. Actual enrolment is dependent on class availability, courses offered in the first semester, quota and class schedule, etc. Students are recommended to check the course pre-requisites before selecting courses.  
*[This information is subject to change without prior notice]*

### Academic Transcript Arrangement

- **No hard copy of official transcript** will be mailed to student's home institutions.
- If the home institution does not accept electronic copy of exam results, students may apply for an official transcript through **Academic Services Office** after exam results are announced. Official transcripts are only available in **hard copy**.
- The above arrangement is applicable to all **university-level incoming exchange students**.
- If students are nominated through **faculty/departmental-level** exchange agreements, please consult the corresponding faculty office regarding transcript arrangements.

## HKU Summer Institute

**HKU Summer Institute (HKUSI)** offers a wide range of programmes delivered by different faculties, providing quality learning and invaluable study abroad opportunity for students. These programmes are open to all undergraduates and are best suited for students who are looking to expand their academic and cultural horizons during summer in one of the most vibrant cities in Asia.

HKUSI offers more than 30 credit-bearing and non-credit-bearing programmes in the fields of Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Business and Economics and Science. These programs include lectures by acclaimed HKU professors and prestigious scholars, as well as workshops, site visits, field trips, and case discussions. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in cultural and social activities, allowing them to experience the local culture firsthand and gain a deeper understanding of the community.

For list of courses and application procedures, please visit <https://summerinstitute.hku.hk/>.

**HKU Summer Institute:** [ugsummer@hku.hk](mailto:ugsummer@hku.hk)

## ARRIVAL GUIDE & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>Practical HKU Guide</b>	<p>Students may refer to our <a href="#">Arrival Advice</a> for a preparation guide and <a href="#">A Glimpse of Student Life @HKU</a>, prepared by CEDARS to non-local students, which includes the following practical information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation Information</li> <li>• Cost of Living</li> <li>• Medical Care Information</li> <li>• Campus Facilities</li> <li>• Financial Matters</li> <li>• Student Life at HKU</li> <li>• Crisis and Emergency etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Arrival Plan to Hong Kong</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are expected to arrive in Hong Kong <b>around 1 week before the start of the semester</b> to complete student registration procedures.</li> <li>• Students are advised to book their return tickets only after they have received a confirmed examination timetable, which will be released <b>1-2 months</b> before the assessment period.</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation Series</b>	<p><a href="#">Orientation for Non-local students</a> will be held on the week before the semester starts. Our office and CEDARS have also arranged a series of Orientation Activities, please refer to <a href="#">Arrival Advice &gt; Orientation</a>.</p>
<b>Counselling &amp; Psychological Services</b>	<p><b>CEDARS CoPE</b> offers free counselling and psychological services for issues such as study and learning challenges, adjustment difficulties, interpersonal relationships, personal development, emotional distress and mental health concerns.</p> <p>Students will benefit from speaking with counsellors, who will help them discover their personal attributes and strengths.</p> <p>For more information and appointment making, please visit <a href="#">CEDARS CoPE</a>.</p>
<b>Special Educational Needs (SEN)</b>	<p><b>CEDARS SEN Support</b> is the service unit for students with physical and sensory disabilities, as well as learning and developmental disabilities.</p> <p>They provide comprehensive services and support to facilitate students' adjustment to university life and learning.</p> <p>More information can be found on <a href="#">SEN Support</a> page. If students wish to receive additional support, please contact <a href="mailto:cedars-SEN@hku.hk">cedars-SEN@hku.hk</a>.</p>

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<b>Fees &amp; Charges</b>	<a href="#">Fee for Students Residing in Residential Colleges &amp; Non-hall housing</a>
<b>Room Types</b>	Most of the rooms are double occupancy. Only St. John's College, Ricci Hall and HKU Residential Colleges offer a very limited number of single rooms.
<b>Meal Information</b>	Some halls have compulsory meal plans while others do not (click <a href="#">here</a> for details). Residents of halls without compulsory meal plans can have meals on campus.
ADDITIONAL VISA INFORMATION	
<b>Travel to Mainland China</b>	<p>Students need to apply for a separate tourist visa to visit Mainland China.</p> <p>Students can apply through their local Chinese Embassy before arriving Hong Kong, or visit <a href="#">China Travel Service (H.K.) Limited</a> (<a href="mailto:enquiry@ctshk.com">enquiry@ctshk.com</a>) after arriving Hong Kong.</p>
<b>Working in Hong Kong</b>	Exchange students are <b>NOT</b> permitted to work in Hong Kong under student visa conditions.
HEALTH/INSURANCE INFORMATION	
<b>Medical Care in Hong Kong</b>	<p><a href="#">University Health Service (UHS)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UHS provides free primary health care to full-time registered students. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. Dental service is also available at a notional charge.</li> <li>Please refer to <a href="#">medical benefits for incoming students from overseas</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Clinics and Hospitals in Hong Kong</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When specialist care and hospitalisation are required, students can consider using the services provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals.</li> <li>Non-local students who will be spending <b>less than 180 days</b> in Hong Kong must present their <b>valid passport / travel documents and student visa</b> to access subsidised services and hospitalisation in government clinics/hospitals.</li> <li>Non-local students who will be spending <b>more than 180 days in Hong Kong</b> must present their <b>HKID card</b> to be eligible for subsidised services and hospitalisation in government clinics/hospitals.</li> </ul> <p>For details of the fees charged by government hospitals, please visit <a href="http://www.ha.org.hk">www.ha.org.hk</a> (Services Guides Fees and Charges).</p>



## HEALTH/INSURANCE INFORMATION

### Health and Travel Insurance Plan

- Health and travel insurance is **optional** but highly recommended.
- Students may arrange insurance at their own cost to meet their needs for the duration of their studies in Hong Kong.
- The coverage should include provisions for emergency evacuation, rescuer's expenses and repatriation. If you plan to travel outside Hong Kong, please ensure that your insurance policy covers those destinations as well.
- Registered students are entitled to **HKU Group Travel Insurance** (Portal login required to read the details) for overseas travel on activities officially arranged by the University.