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.

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<td>Meals</td>
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<td>Hostel Deposit (Refundable)</td>
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<td>Caution Money (Refundable)</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>46,380</td>
<td>5,907</td>
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* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.85HKD.

† 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.

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A 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 (Tentative)**

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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

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

Immerse in Chinese culture through traditional Chinese arts and crafts.

Course Load

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<td>9 units (3 courses) per term</td>
<td>18 units (6 courses) per term</td>
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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 -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> 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.
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:**

01. **Apply through home institution**
02. **Be nominated by home institution**
03. **Complete CUHK online application**
04. **Submit hardcopy of supporting documents to home institution**

**Study abroad students:**

01. **Complete CUHK online application**
02. **Submit hardcopy of supporting documents to CUHK**

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?

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*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.
Contact Persons

[For Exchange Partners]
Ms. Emily LAU (Programme Coordination for Asia & Oceania)
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Mr. Louis WONG (Programme Coordination for Americas)

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