

EXCHANGE

For Visiting Students



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

FACT SHEET

2026-27

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THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

As the second oldest university in Hong Kong, CUHK is a comprehensive research university with a global vision and 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 distinguish itself from other universities in Hong Kong and in the region.

Hong Kong is a relatively small city, conveniently connected by a punctual subway and train system. Situated in Shatin with its own train station, the University is just minutes away from one of the city's largest shopping malls, 25 minutes from the central business district on Hong Kong Island and 20 minutes from Lo Wu, the border to the Chinese Mainland. The campus, which overlooks the scenic Tolo Harbour and is surrounded by greenery, has grown over the years to become the city's largest, greenest, and most sustainably designed campus. A wide range of academic, residential, sports and leisure facilities provide an all-round campus experience for students studying at CUHK.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong is not just another metropolitan city; it is the hub of Asia, a city that never sleeps with non-stop intensity. It is 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-to-navigate city.



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11th
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Most International
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Rankings 2026

Office of Academic Links

The Office of Academic Links at CUHK serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL drives internationalisation of the University in its research, teaching and learning programmes. It develops and manages global learning programmes to nurture students to have a high degree of intercultural sensitivity, acceptability and a global perspective and welcomes students from around the world to experience CUHK's outstanding teaching and vibrant campus community.

OAL will be your home department at CUHK and will serve as the single point of contact to facilitate all aspects of your study before, during and after your time at CUHK.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION

Students 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?

Students will be considered as exchange if their home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. Otherwise, students will be considered as study abroad. Check with the international office at the home institution for more details.

Application Procedures

EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

- 1 Apply through home institution >
- 2 Be nominated by home institution >
- 3 Complete CUHK online application >
- 4 Submit supporting documents to home institution

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS:

- 1 Complete CUHK online application >
- 2 Submit hardcopy of supporting documents to CUHK

Admission Requirements

- Completed at least two terms of university studies
- Minimum grade point average (GPA): 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B average); slightly lower GPAs will be carefully assessed
- Good disciplinary record and standing
- TOEFL 550 (paper-based) or 80 (internet-based under the 0 – 120 scale) or 4.5 (internet-based under the 1- 6 scale) / IELTS 6 (for undergraduates) or IELTS 6.5 (for postgraduates) is required if English is not the primary language of instruction at your institution

Application Deadlines

TERM	DATE
First Term (Sep-Dec) / Year	1 April
Second Term (Jan-mid-May)	2 October
Summer (Summer Undergraduate Research Programme)	14 February
Summer (July Session)	30 April
Summer (August Session)	31 May

Fee Payment Arrangements

	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS
Application Fee	Waived	To CUHK
Tuition	To Home Institution	To CUHK
Accommodation Fee	To CUHK*	To CUHK
Administration and Miscellaneous Fees	To CUHK	To 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 OAL before coming to Hong Kong.

Health Insurance

The University Medical Service at CUHK provides free primary health care to all incoming students. Incoming students should arrange additional accidental and medical insurance at their own cost during their stay in Hong Kong to cover their travels around Asia.

Living on campus

Living on the CUHK campus is convenient and affordable. OAL will guarantee and place undergraduate exchange students in on-campus accommodations (hostels), where there are plenty of opportunities to integrate with 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.

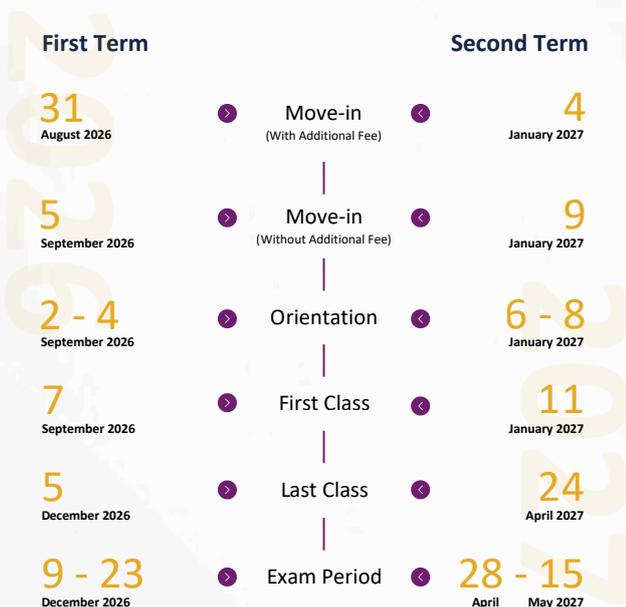
ACADEMICS

All courses at CUHK are open to incoming 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 (reserved for Law majors only)
- MBA courses (except for MBA specific exchange agreements)
- Student-orientated teaching (STOT) courses
- Core Master of Accountancy courses
- Courses under the MSc in Finance, MSc in Management and MSc in Marketing programmes, except students from the exchange partner schools of these programmes, who can take specified courses
- FNSC courses under the Food and Nutritional Sciences programme in the School of Life Sciences
- Courses in the undergraduate and postgraduate design studios, except for students from the School of Architecture's exchange-partner schools
- [All courses listed here](#) (for IASP students)

Latest information is available on [the programme website](#) and [here](#).

Programme Dates (Tentative)



Course Load

Minimum	Maximum
9 units	18 units
3 courses per term	6 courses per term

Note: Most CUHK courses are 3-unit each. The average course load for incoming students is 4-5 courses per term.

Course Offerings

Courses offered in 2025-26 can be used as a reference to what may be offered in 2026-27 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 Academy

The Yale-China Chinese Language Academy (CLA) 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. Postgraduate exchange students are required to pay tuition for taking Chinese language courses.

