EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD
@The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Fact Sheet 2023-24
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.
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.

**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.

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

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.

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The view of the Victoria Harbour from The Peak is one of the most spectacular sights of Hong Kong.
Programme Dates (Tentative)*

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<th>Fall Term 2023</th>
<th>Spring Term 2024</th>
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<td>Arrival</td>
<td>28 - 29 August 2023</td>
<td>2 - 3 January 2024</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>30 August – 1 September 2023</td>
<td>4 - 5 January 2024</td>
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<td>First Class</td>
<td>4 September 2023</td>
<td>8 January 2024</td>
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<td>Last Class</td>
<td>2 December 2023</td>
<td>20 April 2024</td>
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<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>6 - 22 December 2023</td>
<td>24 April – 11 May 2024</td>
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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 to network with fellow international students.

*Programme dates are subject to changes without prior notice.
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, GEIC, 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 (AEP) 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

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

**Course Load**

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<th>Minimum</th>
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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 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.

Exchange students could experience and explore local and Chinese culture through a wide variety of extra-curricular activities available.
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:

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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<th>Exchange students</th>
<th>Study abroad students</th>
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<td>Application fee</td>
<td>Waived</td>
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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>Home institution</td>
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<td>Accommodation fees</td>
<td>CUHK*</td>
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<td>Administration and other miscellaneous fees</td>
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* 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.
**Contact Persons**

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