EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD
Fact Sheet 2021-22
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 it 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.
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>1,032</td>
<td>874</td>
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<td>Meals</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>3,871</td>
<td>3,279</td>
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<td>Mandatory Meal Plan*</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>323</td>
<td>273</td>
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<td>Books and Supplies</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>645</td>
<td>546</td>
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<td>Local Transportation</td>
<td>3,100</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>339</td>
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<td>Visa Application Fee</td>
<td>630</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>Administration Fee</td>
<td>1,100</td>
<td>142</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Hostel Deposit (Refundable)</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>109</td>
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<td>Caution Money (Refundable)</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>51,780</td>
<td>6,681</td>
<td>5,659</td>
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* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.75HKD and 1EUR to 9.15HKD.

* Applies to students assigned to Morningside, S.H. Ho & C.W. Chu Colleges only.

There are three dinners per week.

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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.

**Asia’s World City, City of Life**

Hong Kong is Asia’s World City and City of Life. 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)

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<th>Fall Term 2021</th>
<th>Spring Term 2022</th>
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<td>Arrival</td>
<td>30 - 31 August 2021</td>
<td>3 – 4 January 2022</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>1 - 4 September 2021</td>
<td>5 – 8 January 2022</td>
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<td>First Class</td>
<td>6 September 2021</td>
<td>10 January 2022</td>
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<td>Last Class</td>
<td>4 December 2021</td>
<td>23 April 2022</td>
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<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>8 - 23 December 2021</td>
<td>27 April – 14 May 2022</td>
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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 for students to get acquainted with each other.
All English-taught courses at CUHK are open to exchange students, with the following exceptions:

- Faculty of Education courses (except specific SPED courses taught in English and PHED courses with an X after the course number)
- Faculty of Law courses (except Law major students)
- Faculty of Medicine courses (except specific PHPC courses)
- Architectural Design Studio courses (except through 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)
- FNSC and MEDN courses offered by the School of Life Sciences
- MAcc/MBA/MSc courses offered by the Faculty of Business Administration (except through specific MAcc/MBA/MSc agreements)
- MSc in Advanced Environmental Planning Technologies (AEPET) and MSc in Housing Studies (HSGS) courses
- Student oriented teaching (STOT) courses
- Any other courses restricted by their offering Departments

Courses offered in 2020-21 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2021-22 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.

**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.
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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<tr>
<td>Application fee</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<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>
<td>CUHK</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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