# Information Sheet 2017-2018

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Mailing Address (For courier delivery as well)   | International Affairs Office  
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The University of Hong Kong  
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### STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

| Entry requirements | In order to apply for the exchange programme at HKU, students must meet the following criteria:
| | - Undertaken a minimum of 1 year of university level study by the time you start at HKU
| | - Applicants to Faculty of Law must have at least upper second class honours (2:1) results, which converts to approximately a CGPA of 3.33 or above on a 4.2 scale
| | - Applicants to Faculty of Business and Economics must have a grade level of B average / CGPA 3.0 / Satisfactory level
| | - Non-native English speakers is required to meet the English Language Requirements

| Nomination deadlines | September admission (Fall semester or full year)
| | - February 15 – March 31, 2017
| | January admission (Spring semester)
| | - August 1 – September 1, 2017

| Application procedures | Upon receiving nomination submitted by the institution, International Affairs Office will send an invitation email to students with login details of the application system.

| Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application | Nominees are required to mail all original supporting documents to International Affairs Office upon completion of the online Exchange Application.
List of the requirement hardcopy application documents, as following:

**Exchange Application Documents**
1. Official transcript from your home institution *(include translation if not in English)*
2. Proof of English Language proficiency
3. Copy of the Personal Information Page of your passport. *(Only one page and do not send the original document)*
4. CV *(For Faculty of Law applicants only)*

**Visa Application Documents**
Send us the visa application documents along with the exchange application documents in the same post. Admission letter is not required at this point.
Check carefully to see which office you should approach with for the visa application:
- China Affairs Office (CAO)
  - Mainland China students, and Chinese students from institution outside China, please
visit http://www.als.hku.hk/hkucao/svapp_e.php for further information.

- Centre of Development and Resources for Student (CEDARS)
  Non-local students with nationalities other than China, or Chinese nationals with residency in overseas, please visit http://www.cedars.hku.hk/sections/campuslife/VisaMatters/FormsNotes.php for further information.

***All documents must be signed by you with hand signature. Printing or soft copies will not be accepted.

Send all the supporting documents to our office address as below through your home institution's exchange office, with attention to "Incoming exchange application officer":

International Affairs Office
G/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
The University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

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<th>Application deadlines</th>
<th>The application has to be completed online, with hardcopies of the supporting documents sent to International Affairs Office by the following dates:</th>
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| September admission (Fall | Month admission (Fall semester or full year):
|   semester or full year):  | □ May 15
| January admission (Spring  | □ September 30
|   semester):              |

| Duration of exchange       | One semester or one academic year |

Updated: 18/11/2016
If English is not your first language or teaching medium in home institution is not English, you will need a recognised English Language qualification to be admitted into the exchange programme.

- Please note the Faculty of Law has a higher requirement for English proficiency (as below):
  - TOEFL (iBT) 97
  - IELTS 7.0 with no subtest below 6.5

Applicants whose native language and the medium of instruction of home institution is English, will have to seek a letter signed by your exchange coordinator and you can upload to the online application. We have already sent the sample of the letter to our partner coordinators.

*The University of Hong Kong reserves the right to ask for further proof of sufficient English-language proficiency.

HKU Summer Institute

HKU Summer Institute offers a wide range of programmes from different faculties, providing quality learning and rare chances to study abroad for students. The 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.

HKU Summer Institute 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 programmes are not limited to lectures from acclaimed HKU professors and prestigious scholars, but are also provided in the form of workshops, site visits, field trips and case discussions. Alongside, they provide the opportunities for students to participate in cultural and social activities. The activities are designed to provide a more direct experience of the local culture and society.

For list of courses and application procedures, please visit: http://www.aal.hku.hk/summerinstitute/
**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Restricted programmes or courses not opened to exchange students | Courses offered by the following Faculties/programmes:  
  - Faculty of Architecture  
  - Faculty of Dentistry  
  - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine  
  - BSc (Exercise and Health) Programme (from 2017-18 onwards until further notice)  
  - Most Final year project courses provided by all faculties |
| Course load | • 30 credits per semester  
  • 6 credits per course (in general)  
  • Students are required to take a minimum of 24 credits to a maximum of 36 credits in each semester subject to approval of Dean/Head of Department  

**NOTE:**
1. More than 50% of the credits must be chosen from one single faculty (i.e. at least 3 courses if taking 24 credits).  
2. Students admitted to Faculty of Law can choose no more than 6 credits of non-law course (i.e. 1 course) in each semester[^note1]. |
| Language of instruction | English, except for courses offered by the Department of Chinese (course codes start with CHIN – e.g. CHIN2013) |
2017-18: TBC |
ADDITIONAL VISA INFORMATION

- **Travel to Mainland China**: You need to apply for a separate tourist visa to Mainland China. If you would like to apply in Hong Kong, you can do so in person at the China Travel Service (H.K.) Limited (E-mail: enquiry@ctshk.com). You may be able to apply at your local Chinese Embassy before you come to Hong Kong. You can contact them for assistance directly.

- **Working in Hong Kong**: Exchange students are NOT allowed to work in Hong Kong under student visa conditions.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

- **Planning your arrival**: A buddy mentor will be assigned to all incoming Exchange Students. Your buddy mentor can provide linguistic support, cultural guidance and information about life at HKU to you.

- **Orientation**: Usually the week before classes begin. More info could be found at [http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/date-deadlines](http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/date-deadlines)

- **Cost of orientation**: Free-of-charge for Orientation. Optional tours and cultural activities will be offered at notional charge.
### ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

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<th>Application</th>
<th>Please apply through the link embedded in the online application form in the email from us as soon as the application starts, as it will be placed on a first-come-first-serve basis.</th>
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<td>Room Type</td>
<td>Most of the rooms are double room. Only St. John’s College, Ricci Hall and HKU Residential Colleges provide very limited single rooms.</td>
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<td>Meal Information</td>
<td>Some halls have compulsory meal plans, others do not (see Hall Charges for details). For those residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans, they can have meals on campus.</td>
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### HEALTH / INSURANCE INFORMATION

| Medical Services | HKU provides free primary health care to full-time students at the University’s out-patient clinic. Dental service is also available at a notional charge. Please visit [http://www.uhs.hku.hk/](http://www.uhs.hku.hk/) for more information. |
| Insurance | Medical insurance is optional but highly recommended. Students can purchase accident insurance upon their arrival at HKU. |

### COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES / SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

| Counselling and Psychological Services | CEDARS – CoPE offers counselling and psychological services for free on issues like studying and learning challenges, adjustment issues, interpersonal relationships, personal development, emotional distress and mental health concerns. You will benefit from talking to counsellors, who will guide you to discover your personal attributes and strengths. For more information and making an appointment, please visit: [http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/cope/](http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/cope/) |
| Special Educational Needs (SEN) | SEN Support is the service unit for students with physical and sensory disabilities, learning and developmental disabilities. They provide comprehensive service and support to facilitate student’s university adjustment and learning. If you wish to receive additional support, please contact cedars-SEN@hku.hk |