



# EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

Fact Sheet 2021-22

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# WELCOME TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

CUHK is located at Shatin with easy access to both Hong Kong's city centre and the border with mainland China.



**Top 50 Worldwide**  
*QS World University  
Rankings 2020*

**Top 10 in Asia**  
*Times Higher Education Asia  
University Rankings 2020*



**5<sup>th</sup> Worldwide**  
*Times Higher Education  
Most International Universities*



**HK's Most  
Innovative University**  
*Reuters 2016-19*



**9 Colleges**  
C.W. Chu, Chung Chi,  
Lee Woo Sing, Morningside,  
New Asia, S.H. Ho, Shaw,  
United and Wu Yee Sun



**21,000 +**  
Student Population

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.

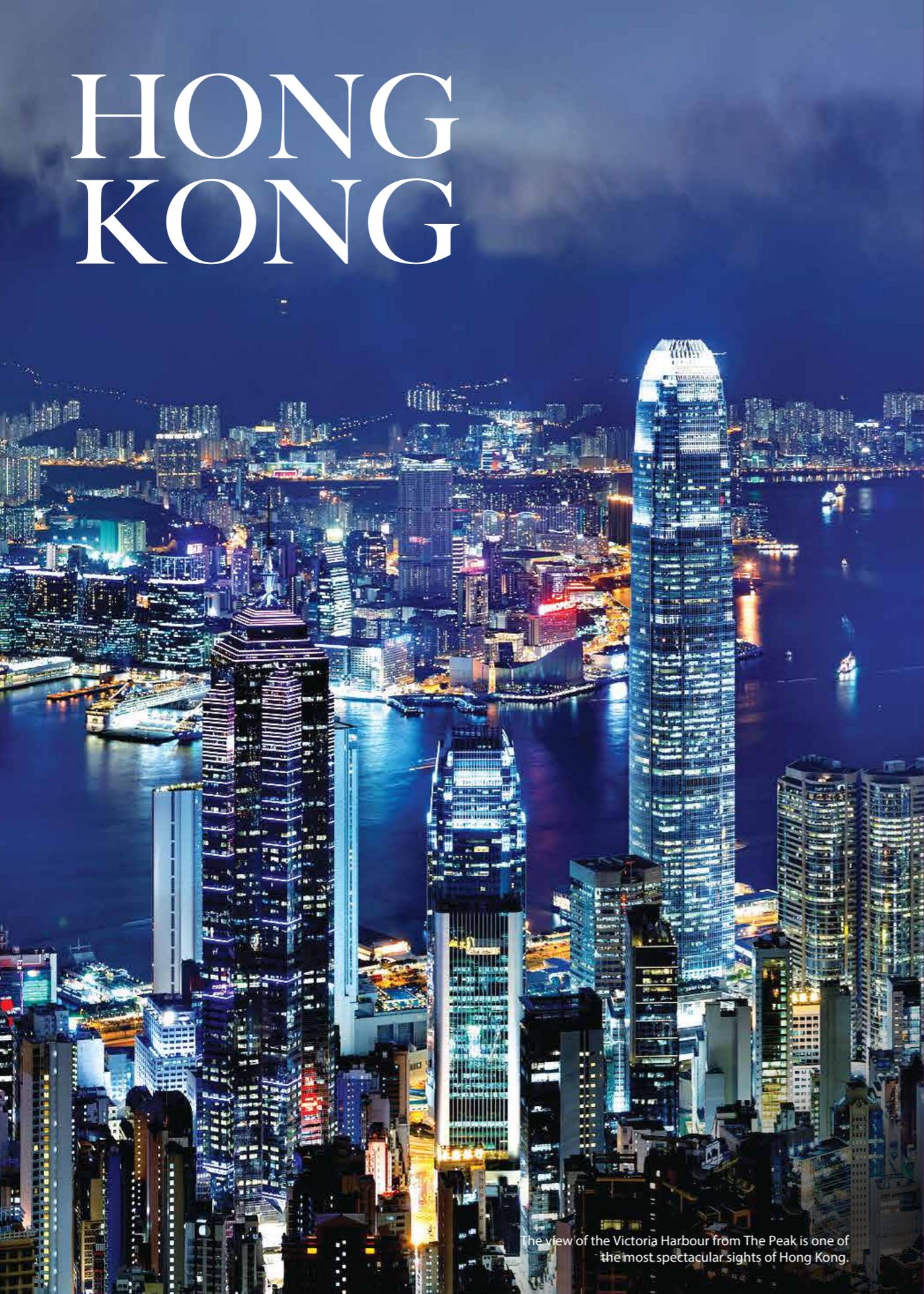


**8 Academic Faculties**  
Arts, Business Administration,  
Education, Engineering, Law,  
Medicine, Science and  
Social Science



**Largest and Greenest  
Campus in HK**

# HONG KONG



The view of the Victoria Harbour from The Peak is one of the most spectacular sights of 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 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.

Item	HKD	USD*	EUR*
Accommodation	8,000	1,032	874
Meals	30,000	3,871	3,279
Mandatory Meal Plan <sup>#</sup>	2,500	323	273
Books and Supplies	5,000	645	546
Local Transportation	3,100	400	339
Visa Application Fee	630	81	69
Administration Fee	1,100	142	120
Hostel Deposit (Refundable)	1,000	129	109
Caution Money (Refundable)	450	58	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,780</b>	<b>6,681</b>	<b>5,659</b>

\* Based on an exchange rate of 1USD to 7.75HKD and 1EUR to 9.15HKD.

<sup>#</sup> 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.

# LIFE ON EXCHANGE



## Programme Dates (Tentative)

### Fall Term 2021

Arrival	30 - 31 August 2021
Orientation	1 - 4 September 2021
First Class	6 September 2021
Last Class	4 December 2021
Exam Period	8 - 23 December 2021

### Spring Term 2022

Arrival	3 - 4 January 2022
Orientation	5 - 8 January 2022
First Class	10 January 2022
Last Class	23 April 2022
Exam Period	27 April - 14 May 2022

## 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.

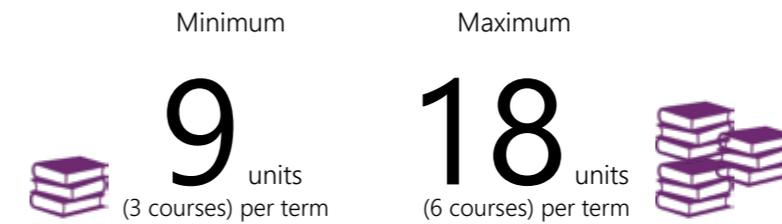


# COURSES

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, GESG) 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 (AEPT) and MSc in Housing Studies (HSGS) courses
- Student oriented teaching (STOT) courses
- Any other courses restricted by their offering Departments

## Course Load



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

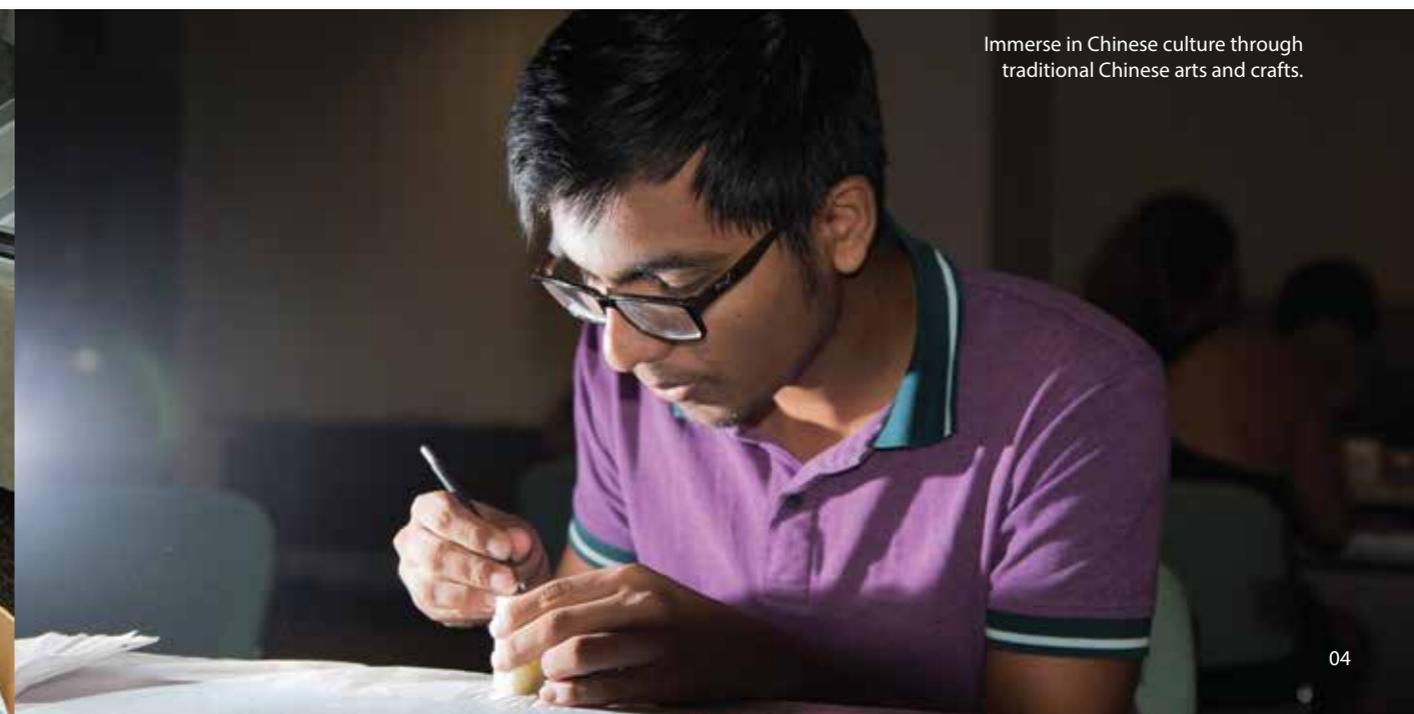
## Course Offering

Courses offered in 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](http://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.



# 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?

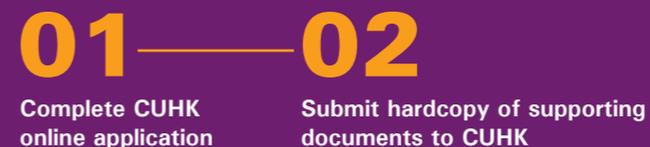
You will be considered as an **exchange student** if your home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. In other cases, you will be considered as a **study abroad student**. Check with the international office of your home institution to find out if you can come to CUHK on an exchange or study abroad basis.

## Application procedures

Exchange students:



Study abroad students:



## 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?

	Exchange students	Study abroad students
Application fee	N/A	CUHK
Tuition	Home institution	CUHK
Accommodation fees	CUHK*	CUHK
Administration and other miscellaneous fees	CUHK	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 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.

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