The beautiful CUHK campus is the city’s largest, greenest and most sustainably designed campus.

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 firmly rooted Chinese culture, multiculturalism, and its unique college system set 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. 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.

Hong Kong is a relatively small city conveniently connected by a subway and train system which is always on time. Situated in Sha Tin with its own train station, the University is just minutes away from one of the city’s biggest shopping malls. 25 minutes from the central business district on Hong Kong Island and 28 minutes from Lo Wu, the border to 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 a-world campus experience for students studying at CUHK.

Times Higher Education Most International Universities 2023

QS World University Rankings 2023

U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings 2023

Times Higher Education Rankings 2023

HK’s Most Innovative University Reuters 2016-19
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC LINKS

The Office of Academic Links (OAL) at CUHK serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL drives internationalization 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.

Student exchange and study abroad programmes

The first student exchange programme at CUHK was launched in 1965 with the University of California system. Since then, CUHK has expanded its exchange partner network to receive students from over 270 institutions in more than 30 locations worldwide. With a population of over 2,500 international visiting students each year, CUHK is truly an international melting pot.

We are here for you

OAL will be your home department at CUHK and is the single point of contact to facilitate all aspects of your study at the University, both before and after arrival.
Experience life in an international cosmopolitan
About eight percent of Hong Kong’s population of 7.41 million are from foreign countries, creating multicultural lifestyles that are unique to the city.

Learn about business and trade in the world’s freest economy
Hong Kong has exceptional autonomy in trade and business where many multinational corporations establish Asian headquarters here. Many people come to learn the secrets of Hong Kong’s success and to establish networks for their future career.

Follow traces of Chinese and Western cultures
Traditional Chinese values such as loyalty to friends and family, and respect for the elderly are well preserved while its history as a former British colony has left a legacy of western ways.

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 pans meets natural countryside, and where endless skyscrapers meet traditional lifestyles. Here, you can find a variety of rich and diverse experiences packed in an easy and fast to get around city.

Explore the outdoors
Escape the bustling city life and enjoy the wide variety of outdoor activities available, just minutes away from the urban centre.

Eat and shop around the clock
Street stalls and shopping malls offer great bargains and operate until late in the evening. Chinese and international cuisines are available and delicious night snacks can be found at 24-hour eateries.

The view of the Victoria Harbour is one of the most considerable sights of Hong Kong.
Chinese & English are both official languages of Hong Kong.

7.41 million
Total population

0.8%
Foreign population

Ranked The World’s Freest Economy

1,441
Multinational company regional headquarters

10th century CE
Chinese people began settling in Hong Kong

1842-1997
Hong Kong was a British colony

40%
Area of country parks and nature reserves

Travel within East Asia in a breeze
Hong Kong is within 5 hours from most major cities in East Asia. With convenient and extensive connections to Chinese Mainland and nearby countries, there are many options for a quick study break over the weekends.

Sources:
1. https://www.parkinintelligence.com/leisure araç
Getting around the city
CUHK has its own train station, connected to the city’s extensive MTR subway and train network. The nearby suburban town of Sha Tin, the urban centres of Mong Kok, Tin Shui Wai and Central, and the border with mainland China are all within reach in 25 minutes. An abundance of public transportation modes including subway, buses, minibuses, trains, ferries and taxis can take you to all corners of Hong Kong.

Living on campus
Living on the CUHK campus is convenient and affordable. OAK will place exchange students in on-campus accommodations (hostels), where there are plenty of opportunities to integrate with local 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 gymnasium provide an all-round campus experience.

Studying about China and other disciplines
CUHK is the best place for you to learn about China given Hong Kong’s special geographical and cultural context, and CUHK’s rich Chinese tradition, culture and ties. This is reflected in a wide variety of disciplines at the University, including humanities, social science, business and the sciences. CUHK’s Business, Engineering, Law and Medical Schools are reputable training grounds for professionals in their respective fields as well as centres of seminal research.

Experiencing the unique college system
CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong with a collegiate system. The nine colleges offer a plethora of non-formal learning opportunities to complement the formal curricula. Undergraduate exchange students are affiliated with one of the colleges and benefit from the college community through which they get to know the locals and their customs.

The fantastic support I got from my student advisor was really helpful, and there were so many activities to enrich my exchange experience!
Kate Mottat
University of Melbourne, Australia

All the staff at CUHK are very friendly and helpful. They really go above & beyond to take care of all your needs. I had a great experience!
Samuel Montagut Agudelo
Stanford University, USA

Immerse in the local environment and make life-long friends here in CUHK.
ACADEMICS

At CUHK, you can tailor-make your study plan from more than 150 major and minor options available. The majority of courses are taught in English. You can further your major or minor studies, explore a completely new discipline or concentrate on language and cultural studies. Areas of studies open to exchange students include:

- Arts
- Business Administration
- Education
- Engineering
- Law
- Medicine
- Science
- Social Science
- Other Special Studies

- Anthropology
- Chinese Studies
- Chinese Language and Literature
- Cultural and Religious Studies
- English
- Fine Arts
- History
- Japanese Studies
- Linguistics and Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Translation
- Accounting
- Decision, Operations and Technology
- Finance
- Hotel and Tourism Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Sea and Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Information Engineering
- Mechanical and Automation Engineering
- Systems Engineering and Engineering Management
- Public Health and Primary Care
- Chemistry
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics
- Architecture
- Economics
- Geography and Resource Management
- Government and Public Administration
- Journalism and Communication
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Chinese Language for Non-native Speakers
- General Education
- Global Studies
- Independent Research on International Studies

*Only available to law major students meeting individual course prerequisites

www.cityu.hk/llc/services/scholarship

View for a comprehensive list of courses taught in English and available to exchange students.

Centre for China Studies

Courses offered in the Chinese Studies Programme at the CUHK Centre for China Studies are all taught in English and are popular among exchange students who are either looking to deepen their knowledge on China or just want to catch a glimpse of Chinese culture or society irrespective of what majors they are. A sample of the many courses include:

- China on Screen
- Art in Contemporary China
- Youth in China
- Global China
- Chinese Culture and Society
- Innovation, Growth and China's Development

With a history of over half a century, the Yale–China Language Centre (YCLL) at CUHK is at the forefront of Chinese learning techniques and is one of the largest centres of its kind worldwide. The CLC offers Putonghua and Cantonese courses from beginner to advanced levels. As an undergraduate exchange student, you can take up to 6 units of approved Chinese language courses per term as part of your study programme.
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Cultural and extra-curricular activities: Field trips and excursions around town, gatherings and classes in Chinese martial arts, calligraphy and cooking are just some of the many activities available to exchange students at CUHK.

Community service programme: Opportunities are available to international students to engage in community service. For example, The Rural School Service Project brings you the opportunity to teach English or Pinyin at a local primary school and gives you a chance to join cultural activities organised by the school.

Orientation: The orientation prepares you for your time at CUHK and covers everything you need to know about living on campus and in Hong Kong. It is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow exchange students.

Meeting the locals: There will be many opportunities to meet local students at classes, events, student clubs, hiking trips, and other social gatherings. Be curious, open-minded and daring.

Student organisations: CUHK boasts a variety of student organisations, from Chinese martial arts to photography to drama. Those within academic departments and colleges are often the most active. Exchange students are welcome to tryout for collegiate sport teams.

Student services and facilities: A range of facilities, resources and support services are available to support your time at CUHK. They include computing labs, fitness centres, health clinics, counselling services, sports facilities, canteens, bookstores, supermarkets, banks and even a hair salon.

College activities: The college organises a variety of activities, including singing contests, variety shows, drama nights, festive celebrations and language enhancement programmes. Dessert nights are not to be missed.

In Hong Kong, you can hike the mountains and get to the beach in an instant. It is very diverse with different landscapes, people and food. The public transport is clean, efficient and takes you everywhere at a low cost.

Ruol Mannette
University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA

CUHK is quite vegetarian-friendly because there is a vegetarian canteen on campus, and each canteen has at least one choice of vegetarian food.

Maora ROS
University of Leeds, UK
# COST OF LIVING

Generally, speaking, living in Hong Kong can be expensive, however living at CIHK is extremely affordable as on-campus accommodation and meals at student canteens are heavily subsidised. Traveling and eating around town are also inexpensive. The table below shows the approximate living costs at CIHK for an undergraduate student for one term.

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**Total:**
- **HKD:** 51,280
- **USD:** 6,532
- **EUR:** 5,949

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* Based on an exchange rate 1 USD = 7.85 HKD and 1 EUR = 8.80 HKD
* Students assigned to Mongkokdeed, S.M. Pro & C.W. Chu Collages will be charged a mandatory reservation of HK$32,000 for these dorms per year.

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.

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For additional information provided by the Education Bureau of the HKSAR
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.

Application Deadlines
First Term / Year (September) 1 April
Second Term (January) 2 October
Summer (July) 30 April
Summer (August) 31 May

Fee Payment Arrangements

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SUMMER
@CUHK

CUHK International Summer School

Established in 2004, the CUHK International Summer School (ISS) has been one of the most popular undergraduate summer programmes in the region. Each year, numerous international and local students join the July and August Sessions of the ISS to experience its intensive academic seminars and Chinese culture immersion in a multi-cultural learning environment. This is a great opportunity for you to gain a Hong Kong and Asian perspective from your peers and to explore Chinese culture through classroom learning, activities and field trips.

July Session
In the five-week programme, you can take up to two 3-credit courses, each with 42 contact hours, taught entirely in English. Areas of study include:
- Environment, Science and Technology
- Global Business and Management
- Society and Human Interaction
- Understanding China
- Chinese Language (Putonghua and Cantonese)

August Session
In the three-week programme, you can take two 3-credit courses of intensive Chinese language training in Putonghua at various levels. The programme will provide an opportunity for you to acquire pragmatic competence in the Chinese language through classroom learning and immersion activities.

Summer Undergraduate Research Programme

The Summer Undergraduate Research Programme (SURP) provides an opportunity for undergraduate exchange students to undertake research attachments for 6 weeks at CUHK and earn 3 credits upon successful completion of the programme.

Visit www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk for more details on the CUHK International Summer School.

June-August
- Develop expertise in a specific research area of interest
- Join a world-class research team and work alongside leading experts
- Experience postgraduate studies first-hand
- Establish professional networks for future career
- Spend the summer in the vibrant city of Hong Kong
- Immerse in the local culture through activities and excursions
- Live on campus with other local and international students
