



# StudyAbroad @ CUHK

Information Sheet 2017-18



Office of Academic Links  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

# CUHK

As the second oldest university in Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a leading comprehensive research university with a global vision and a mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together China and the West. Overlooking the scenic Tolo Harbour, the University has 61 departments under the Faculties of Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science and Social Science with over 19,000 students undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

## College System

CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong with a college system. The University's nine Colleges include Chung Chi, New Asia, United, Shaw, Morningside, S.H. Ho, Lee Woo Sing, C.W. Chu and Wu Yee Sun. Each undergraduate student is affiliated with one of the Colleges, which offer accommodation, informal learning and academic and cultural immersion to students.

## Courses

All English-taught courses at CUHK are open to exchange students, with the following exceptions:

- Faculty of Medicine and Education courses
- Faculty of Law courses (reserved for Law majors only)
- MBA courses (except for MBA specific exchange agreements)
- Architectural Design Studio courses (except for Architecture specific exchange agreements)
- Courses with prefix: PHED (except for those with an X after the course number)
- College General Education courses (except for New Asia students taking General Education courses offered within their own college) i.e. courses with prefixes GECC, GEJC, GEMC, GESH, GEUC, GESC
- Student oriented teaching courses, i.e. courses with course number beginning with '0'
- FINA courses under MSc in Finance Programme offered by the Department of Finance
- MEDN courses offered by the School of Life Sciences
- Courses under MSc in Advanced Environmental Planning Technologies / MSc in Hospitality and Real Estate Management / MSc in Housing Studies Programme
- Any other courses deemed by the Department to be restricted

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

Minimum: 9 units (3 courses) per term

Maximum: 18 units (6 courses) per term

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

Courses offered in 2016-17 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2017-18 and are available at [www.cuhk.edu.hk/rgs](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/rgs) -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Teaching Timetable -> Teaching Timetable.

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.



## Term Dates

### Fall Term 2017

Expected Arrival Date:	28 or 29 August 2017
Orientation:	30 August to 2 September 2017
Classes Begin:	4 September 2017
Classes End:	2 December 2017
Exam Period:	6 December to 22 December 2017

### Spring Term 2018

Expected Arrival Date:	2 or 3 January 2018
Orientation:	4 to 6 January 2018
Classes Begin:	8 January 2018
Classes End:	21 April 2018
Exam Period:	25 April to 12 May 2018

## 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 at CUHK. In addition, it will be a great opportunity for students to get acquainted with each other.

## Housing

Undergraduate exchange students will live in 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. On-campus housing is assigned to admitted students automatically; application is not required.

## Cost of Living

There is often a misconception that studying at CUHK is expensive while in fact, living on-campus at CUHK is extremely affordable as student accommodation is heavily subsidized. The following table shows the approximate living costs at CUHK for one term.

Item	Amount in HK Dollars
Accommodation	\$ 6,200.00
Meals	\$ 26,000.00
Books and Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Local transportation	\$ 3,100.00
Visa Application Fee	\$ 580.00
Administration Fee	\$ 1,050.00
TOTAL	\$ 41,930.00

*Note: This table is for reference only. The listed costs correspond to on-campus living only. Costs are subject to change and will vary depending on lifestyle and individual preferences.*



## Application Deadlines

Fall Term and Year (September):	1 April
Spring Term (January):	2 October
Summer School (July Session):	30 April
Summer School (August Session):	31 May

## Application Procedures

Available at [www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk).

## 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 health care and clinical services to all exchange students. Exchange students should arrange additional accidental and medical insurance at their own cost during their stay in Hong Kong to cover their travelling around Asia.

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