

HONG KONG

Hong Kong University



Country Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- cantonese is the first language but english is the second. most people study in english since they are young and almost everyone (young people and older) speak fluent english so it is really easy to get around.- don't hesitate to ask questions or try food that doesn't have english script signs. ask and they're usually happy enough to help.- compared to ireland, people aren't as smiley and helpful at first so you might need to ask for them to "help" but if you do, they are keen!- people can be very blunt sometimes, don't take it too personally, they just genuinely do not beat around the bush at all, everything is said directly and that's just normal
University Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- do not worry about accommodation, all exchange students got dorms!
Academic Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- credit system equivalent to ects, almost all modules are worth 6 ects- as a major with minor student i took 3+2 modules. the credits won't be exact but they work out well. if you do major with minor, you have to do 3+2 or 4+1, meaning that you get one "security" subject you may fail in either of your areas depending on the option you choose.- it is possible to take as many as six modules in hku without further pre-approval (that is 36 ects worth of credits). i did this and it was a lot of work! i took an introduction to chinese as my "extra" module and agreed with my prof that i do not have to show up to assessments as i knew it would not count towards my trinity credits anyways. professors are generally keen on you expressing interest and your situation and they are very helpful.- module enrollment for me as a second semester exchange student was difficult as it happened during their add-drop module period, that is on the first day of class of that second semester. imagine my.tcd.ie enrollment but it's also your first day of class so you're trying to sort it all out. most modules require approval by the professors and you might have to wait until the end of this period to get it. i recommend getting in touch with them in person at the class or via email to express your interest for the classes. it might happen that you do not get access to the classes you were hoping to get and this might be a problem with credit transfer so do be mindful! i got all six of my desired modules but i don't know any other exchange student who did get all the modules they wanted. i

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	was quite insistent with the profs and it turned out fine and they actually appreciated my interest
Duration of Exchange	Semester 2
Students Pathway	TJH History of Art and Architecture MAJ and English Literature MIN Option A
Pathway Advice	yes, though it was very confusing and there wasn't really much help from the exchange office besides them telling "it would be ok"
Sustainability Tips	not much to be honest, hk is definitely behind on sustainability compared to ireland, not much recycling happening at all. public transport is very good though and you need to use it to get around the islands
Overall advice - Would you recommend this exchange	i loved loved loved hku and hk!!! i would recommend that anyone interested in chinese/cantonese/hk culture go!! it is a bit of an expensive place but compared to dublin, student accommodation was much more affordable which made the semester even more affordable than my home semester here at trinity!
Overall experience	Rating (1 (low) to 5 (high)) 5
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