香 港 大 學
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Information Sheet
2026/27

GENERAL INFORMATION		
University Website	**http://www.hku.hk**	
Website for Exchange Information	**http://intlaffairs.hku.hk/**	
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STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Duration of Exchange	One semester or one academic year
Nomination & Application Timeline	

TIMELINE	FALL (Semester 1 / Full Year Intake)	SPRING (Semester 2 Intake)
Semester Period	Sep – Dec	Jan – May
Nomination Opening Date	Mar 1, 2026	Aug 1, 2026
Nomination Closing Date	Mar 31, 2026	Aug 31, 2026
Application Opening Date	Apr 1, 2026	Sep 1, 2026
Application Closing Date	Apr 30, 2026	Sep 30, 2026
Application Result Release	Late May – Jun	Late Oct – Nov

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<tr><td>Entry Requirements</td><td>

Home institution has a student exchange partnership with HKU.
Students must have completed at least one year of university-level study by the time they begin their exchange at HKU.
Both native and non-native English speakers must provide valid and acceptable English Proficiency Proof.
Students are expected to be in good academic standing at their home institution. Higher entry requirements must be met if applying for the following faculties:

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<tr><th>Entry Requirements</th><th>Faculty of Law</th><th>Faculty of Business and Economics</th></tr>
<tr><td>Academic Results</td><td>Must be a major in Law
Minimum CGPA 3.33 on a 4.3 scale (which converts to the letter grade of B+) or at least upper second-class honours (2:1) or equivalent
For students enrolled in a double degree programme that includes Law, the GPA for Law courses will be considered.</td><td>B average / CGPA 3.0 / Satisfactory level</td></tr>
<tr><td>English Language Proficiency</td><td>TOEFL (iBT) 97 / IELTS 7.0 (with no subtest below 6.5)</td><td>Minimum English Proficiency Proof requirement</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Recommended Qualities for Incoming Exchange Applicants</td><td>

Demonstrate a strong record of academic achievement and commitment to personal development.
Demonstrate a strong sense of independence and self-sufficiency.
Possess a positive attitude and embrace challenges.
Exhibit openness and curiosity toward diverse cultures, perspectives, and ways of life.

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<tr><td>Nomination Procedures by Home Institution</td><td>

Home institutions can submit nomination online through the HKU Incoming Exchange Application System.
For a step-by-step online nomination guide, please refer to the Nomination Procedures and HKU Exchange Partner User Manual.
The following supporting documents should be uploaded by the home institution during the nomination process. If any required documents are not available at the time of nomination, nominees should upload the missing document(s) during the application period.

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Nomination Procedures by Home Institution

Supporting Documents	Document Requirements (Uploaded by home institution)
Official Academic Transcript	• The academic transcript must be official and in English. • Online or unofficial academic results will not be accepted. • If the transcript is in another language, please include an English translation.
English Proficiency Proof	Native and non-native English speakers must provide valid and acceptable **English Proficiency Proof**.

Exchange Application Procedures

- **Students will be invited by email to complete the online exchange application when application period opens** (login credentials and application instructions will be included).
- Submit the application by the deadline; late submissions will not be processed.
- Please refer to the **step-by-step application procedures**.
- A **Proposed Study Plan at HKU** is required as part of the application. The **preliminary course plan** is provided for host faculty review; you are not yet enrolled in these courses. Course options can be found under **Academic Information > Available Courses Offered by Faculties**.
- Course approval is determined on a case-by-case basis and is subject to faculty approval. Actual enrolment depends on class availability, courses offered in the first semester, quotas and class schedule, fulfilment of pre-requisites (if any), etc.
  [This information is subject to change without prior notice]
- **Personal Statement:** Describe your interest in the exchange and reasons for choosing HKU (no word limit).
- **The following supporting documents must be uploaded by students:**

Supporting Documents	Document Requirements (Uploaded by students)
Passport Copy	• Please provide a **scanned copy** of your passport identification page. • The personal information page must be clearly visible, including machine-readable lines. • The passport must remain valid at least 6 months beyond your exchange period.
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	• For Faculty of Law applicants only

STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Housing Application	• **Please refer to the CEDARS Housing website.** • **You may apply for housing during the designated application period as soon as you have started your exchange application; there is no need to wait until you receive an offer.** • **Apply online** through CEDARS using your 10-digit exchange application reference number. • Housing is not guaranteed. Due to limited spaces, the allocation of housing is subject to availability, which is **generally higher in the Spring semester than in the Fall semester**.
Visa Application Procedures	• **Begin your visa application only after receiving your Notice of Admission.** • Visit the **HKU Student Visa website** for detailed instructions. • Students without the right of abode or right to land in Hong Kong must complete the **visa application** online as soon as possible following your acceptance. • The visa application process can take **more than 10 weeks**. • Visa application fee is non-refundable. • For visa enquiries, please contact the **Admissions Office**.
Acceptance Procedures	• After the application deadline, students' applications will be reviewed by their proposed faculty. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and take up to **1.5 months**. • **You will be notified of the result by email.** • **After receiving the Notice of Admission, students are required to complete the following steps to accept the offer:** **Step 1: Accept the Offer** - Check all information for accuracy (e.g., name, registration period). - Sign the Notice of Admission. - Log in to the online application account to accept or decline the offer and upload the signed Notice. - Email a copy of the signed Notice to the host faculty. **Step 2: Secure Housing Application** - Email the signed Notice of Admission to **CEDARS Housing** for further processing. - If you receive a housing offer, confirm with the hall manager by email and indicate your check-in date. Offers will be withdrawn if not accepted.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Courses Available for Exchange Students	Please refer to **Academic Information** for details.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Restricted Programmes/Courses for Exchange Students	The following programmes or courses are **NOT open to incoming students**: • Faculty of Dentistry • Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine • BSc (Exercise and Health) Programme • Most final year project courses provided by all faculties
Course Load	• **6 credits per course** in general. • Students are recommended to take 24-30 credits per semester unless otherwise permitted or required by their home institution and host faculty. • **At least 50% of the course load must be selected from a single faculty (your intended host faculty).** Students have the option to take the remaining credits from other faculties. • Detailed information can be found in **Academic Information > Available Courses offered by Faculties**.
Language of Instruction	All courses are taught in English, except for those offered by the School of Chinese.
Academic Calendar & Semester Dates	• Academic Advising and Scholarships Office: **Important Academic Dates** • International Affairs Office: **Academic Information > Key Semester Dates**
University Number (UID) & Portal Account	UID and Portal account details will be sent to students by email **around 1 to 2 weeks before semester starts**.
Online Master Registration	• After obtaining HKU Portal account details, complete the Online Master Registration via HKU Portal immediately. • Please refer to **Arrival Advice > Preparation before Arriving HKU > Online Master Registration**.
Student Registration Procedures	• Please refer to **Arrival Advice > Preparation before Arriving HKU > Student Registration Procedures**.
Course Enrolment	• The courses listed in your admission letter indicate that you are eligible for those courses only, but you are not automatically enrolled in them. • **All students MUST enrol in courses** during the Course Selection Period (only available in Semester One) and/or the Add/Drop Period (available in both Semesters One and Two). • Course enrolment is completed online via the **HKU Portal**. You will only be allowed to enrol in courses during the **scheduled course enrolment periods**. • Please refer to the **Course Selection and Enrolment** page and the **Quick Guide on Course Selection and Enrolment** for detailed procedures. • Course approval is determined on a case-by-case basis and is subject to faculty approval. Actual enrolment depends on class availability, courses offered in the first semester, quotas and class schedule, fulfilment of pre-requisites (if any), etc. *[This information is subject to change without prior notice]*

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Transcript Arrangement	• Official transcripts will NOT be automatically sent after grade announcement. You must apply if you require one. • Apply for an official transcript with the **Academic Services Office** after exam results are announced. • Please note that official transcript is only available in **hard copy**. However, ASO can send scanned copies of the official transcript to your home institution via email upon request. • The above arrangement is applicable to all **university-level incoming exchange students**. • If you are nominated via a **faculty/departmental-level** exchange agreement, please contact the respective faculty regarding the arrangement.

ARRIVAL GUIDE & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	
Practical HKU Guide	Students may refer to our **Arrival Advice** for a preparation guide and **A Glimpse of Student Life @HKU**, prepared by CEDARS to non-local students, which includes the following practical information: • Housing Information • Cost of Living • Medical Care Information • Campus Facilities • Financial Matters • Student Life at HKU • Crisis and Emergency etc.
Arrival Plan to Hong Kong	• All students are expected to arrive in Hong Kong **around 1 week before the start of the semester** to complete student registration procedures. • Students are advised to book their return tickets only after they have received a confirmed examination timetable, which will be released **1-2 months** before the assessment period.
Orientation Series	**Orientation for non-local students** will be held on the week before the semester starts. CEDARS and our office have arranged a series of Orientation Activities, please refer to **Arrival Advice > Orientation** and **News & Event > Events**.
Mind and Wellbeing	**CEDARS Mind and Wellbeing** offers free counselling and psychological services for issues such as study and learning challenges, adjustment difficulties, interpersonal relationships, personal development, emotional distress and mental health concerns. Students will benefit from speaking with counsellors, who will help them discover their personal attributes and strengths. For more information and appointment making, please click **here**, or contact the team at **cedars-mwb@hku.hk**.

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Student Support and Inclusion	**CEDARS Diversity and Inclusion Team** is the service unit for students with diverse needs. They provide comprehensive services and support to facilitate students' adjustment to university life and learning. More information can be found on **SEN Support** page. If students wish to receive additional support, please contact **inclusion@hku.hk**.

HOUSING	
Housing Information	• Click **here** for housing information. • For housing enquiries, please contact CEDARS Housing at **cedars.housing@hku.hk**.
Fees & Charges	**Fee for Students Residing in Residential Colleges & Non-hall housing**
Room Types	Most of the rooms are double occupancy. Only St. John's College, Ricci Hall and HKU Residential Colleges offer a very limited number of single rooms.
Meal Information	Some halls have compulsory meal plans while others do not (click **here** for details). Residents of halls without compulsory meal plans can have meals on campus.

ADDITIONAL VISA INFORMATION	
Travel to Mainland China	• International students need to apply for a separate tourist visa to visit Chinese Mainland. • You can apply through the local Chinese Embassy before arriving Hong Kong, or visit **China Travel Service (H.K.) Limited** (E-mail: **enquiry@ctshk.com**) after arriving Hong Kong.
Working in Hong Kong	Non-local students are **NOT** permitted to work in Hong Kong under student visa conditions.

HEALTH/INSURANCE INFORMATION	
Medical Care in Hong Kong	**University Health Service (UHS)** • UHS provides free primary health care to full-time registered students. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. Dental service is also available at a notional charge. • Please refer to **medical benefits for incoming students from overseas.** **Public Clinics and Hospitals in Hong Kong** • When specialist care and hospitalisation are required, students can consider using the services provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals. • Non-local students who will be spending **less than 180 days** in Hong Kong must present their **valid passport / travel documents and student visa** to access subsidised services and hospitalisation in government clinics/hospitals. • Non-local students who will be spending **more than 180 days in Hong Kong must present their HKID card** to be eligible for subsidised services and hospitalisation in government clinics/hospitals. • For details of the fees charged by government hospitals, please visit **www.ha.org.hk** (Services Guides Fees and Charges).

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Health and Travel Insurance Plan	• Health and travel insurance is **optional** but highly recommended. • Students may arrange insurance at their own cost to meet their needs for the duration of their studies in Hong Kong. • The coverage should include provisions for emergency evacuation, rescuer's expenses and repatriation. If you plan to travel outside Hong Kong, please ensure that your insurance policy covers those destinations as well. • Registered students are entitled to **HKU Group Travel Insurance** (Portal login required to read the details) for overseas travel on activities officially arranged by the University.

HKU Summer Institute

HKU Summer Institute (HKUSI) offers a wide range of programmes delivered by different faculties, providing quality learning and invaluable study abroad opportunity for students. These 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.

HKUSI 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 include lectures by acclaimed HKU professors and prestigious scholars, as well as workshops, site visits, field trips, and case discussions. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in cultural and social activities, allowing them to experience the local culture firsthand and gain a deeper understanding of the community.

For list of courses and application procedures, please visit: **https://summerinstitute.hku.hk/**.

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