## GENERAL INFORMATION

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# APPLICATION INFORMATION

## Nomination deadlines

- September admission (Fall semester or full year):
  - March 15 for Faculty of Law
  - March 31 for all other faculties

- January admission (Spring semester):
  - September 1 for all faculties

## Application procedure

Upon receiving the list of nominated students, OISE will send the online application link with the programme, housing and visa application forms to students.

## Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application

Nominees are required to mail all original supporting documents to OISE upon completion of the online Exchange Application.

**Required supporting documents include:**

1. Academic transcripts (if these documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a certified translation in English);
2. Report of English proficiency test;
3. Original copy of Visa application forms (see Visa Information for details);
4. Passport copy;
5. Curriculum vitae and personal statement (Faculty of Law)

## Application deadlines

The application has to be completed online, with hardcopies of the supporting documents sent to us by the following dates:

- September admission (Fall semester or full year):
  - March 31 for Faculty of Law
  - May 15 for all other faculties

- January admission (Spring semester):
  - September 30 for Faculty of Law
  - October 31 for all other faculties

## Duration of exchange

One semester or one academic year

## Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)

Courses offered by the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Dentistry, and Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine.

## Level of English proficiency requirement

Students whose first language is not English are expected to achieve a score of:

- **TOEFL**: 80 (iBT) 97 (iBT) for Faculty of Law
- **IELTS**: 6.5 7.0 (with no subtest below 6.5) for Faculty of Law
**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

### Academic load
Per course:
- 6 credits (in general)
- 3 credits (Cantonese/Mandarin courses, broadening courses)

Per semester: 30 credits
(Students are expected to take a minimum of 24 credits to a maximum of 36 credits in each semester subject to approval of Dean/Head of Department)

**NOTE:** More than 50% of the credits have to be chosen from one single faculty.

### Language of instruction
English, except for courses offered by the Department of Chinese (course codes start with CHIN – e.g. CHIN2013)

### Academic Calendar

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<th>September semester</th>
<th>January semester</th>
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<td>Late August, 2013(TBC)</td>
<td>Early January, 2014(TBC)</td>
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<td><strong>Orientation date</strong></td>
<td>Late August, 2013(TBC)</td>
<td>Mid January, 2014(TBC)</td>
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<td><strong>Semester starts</strong></td>
<td>Early September, 2013(TBC)</td>
<td>Mid January, 2014(TBC)</td>
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<td><strong>Hall check-out date</strong></td>
<td>December 30, 2013 (no need to check out if you are staying for one year)</td>
<td>Early June, 2014 (TBC)</td>
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**Semester Dates**

### ARRIVAL INFORMATION

### Planning your arrival
A buddy mentor will be assigned to all incoming Exchange Students. Your buddy mentor can provide linguistic support, cultural guidance and information about life at HKU to you.

### Orientation
Usually the week before classes begin

### Cost of orientation
Free-of-charge for Induction Meeting, Cultural Adjustment Session and Library Tour. Optional tours and cultural activities will be offered at notional charge.

### ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

### Application
Please apply through the link embedded in the online application form in the first email from us as soon as the application starts, as it will be first-come-first-serve.

### Hall Information
CEDARS – Accommodation

### Hall Charges
CEDARS – Hall charges

### Single Room VS Double Room
Most of the rooms are double room. Only “St. John College” and “Ricci Hall” and “Residential Colleges on Lung Wah Street” provide single room.
Meal Information

Some halls have compulsory meal plans, others do not (see “Hall Charges” for details). For those residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans, they can have meals on campus.

HEALTH / INSURANCE INFORMATION

Medical Services
HKU provides free primary health care to full-time students at the University’s out-patient clinic. Dental service is also available at a notional charge.

Insurance
Medical insurance is optional but highly recommended. Students can purchase accident insurance upon their arrival at HKU.

VISA INFORMATION

Application
All non-local students are required to obtain a student visa to study in HKSAR. Students can apply through one of the following ways:

(1) Apply on your own at the local Chinese embassy
(2) Apply through HKU
   a) through CEDARS (for Overseas Nationals)
      Please see details at Information for Overseas Nationals
   b) through CAO (for PRC Nationals)
      Please see details at Information for PRC Nationals

If you apply the student visa through options (2a) or (2b), please submit your original visa documents to OISE. We will forward it to CEDARS or CAO, who on behalf of HKU will sponsor your visa application, once you are admitted by one of our faculties.

Please note nationality is based on the passport you plan to enter HK with, NOT country of residence.

Travel to Mainland China
You need to apply for a separate tourist visa to Mainland China. If you would like to apply in Hong Kong, you can do so in person at the China Travel Service (H.K.) Limited (E-mail: enquiry@ctshk.com). You may be able to apply your local Chinese Embassy before you come to Hong Kong. You can contact them for assistance directly.

Working in Hong Kong
By student visa conditions, exchange students are not allowed to work in Hong Kong

LIVING EXPENSES

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