



# StudyAbroad @ CUHK

Information Sheet 2015-16



Office of Academic Links  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

# CUHK

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a leading comprehensive research university. It has a total of 61 departments under the Faculties of Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, and Social Science. Currently, it has approximately 21,000 students undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

## College System

CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong with a college system. The constituent Colleges are: Chung Chi College, New Asia College, United College, Shaw College, Morningside College, S.H. Ho College, Lee Woo Sing College, C.W. Chu College and Wu Yee Sun College. Each undergraduate student is associated with one of the nine Colleges. The Colleges are responsible for informal learning, and for academic and cultural immersion for students. CUHK is committed to general education and whole-person development.

## Courses

All CUHK courses (those taught in English) are opened to exchange students except for the following restrictions:

1. Faculty of Medicine and Education courses
2. Faculty of Law courses are reserved for Law majors only
3. MBA courses (except for MBA specific exchange agreements)
4. Architectural Design Studio courses (except for architecture specific exchange agreements)
5. Courses with prefix: PHED (except for those with an X after the course number)
6. College General Education courses (except for New Asia/Shaw College students taking General Education courses offered within their own college) i.e. GECC, GEJC, GEMC, GESH, GEUC
7. Student oriented teaching courses, i.e. courses with course number beginning with '0'
8. FINA courses under MSc in Finance Programme offered by the Department of Finance
9. MEDN courses offered by the School of Life Sciences
10. Any other courses deemed by the Department to be restricted

The Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) offers Cantonese and Putonghua courses at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. Most **undergraduate exchange students** can take a maximum of 6 units of Chinese Language courses (2 courses) in each term without paying additional tuition fees. **Postgraduate exchange students** need to pay tuition for taking Chinese language courses. Results of CLC courses will also be shown on the student transcript.

### Course Load

Minimum: 9 units (3 courses) per term

Maximum: 18 units (6 courses) per term

*Note: Most CUHK courses are 3-unit each.*

Courses offered in 2014-15 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2015-16 and are available at [www.cuhk.edu.hk/rgs](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/rgs) -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Full-time Undergraduate (2014-15) -> 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. Criteria for 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 2015

|                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Expected Arrival Date: | 31 August or 01 September 2015 |
| Orientation:           | 02-05 September 2015           |
| Classes Begin:         | 07 September 2015              |
| Classes End:           | 05 December 2015               |
| Exam Period:           | 09-23 December 2015            |

### Spring Term 2016 (Tentative)

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Expected Arrival Date: | 05-06 January 2016   |
| Orientation:           | 07-09 January 2016   |
| Classes Begin:         | 11 January 2016      |
| Classes End:           | 23 April 2016        |
| Exam Period:           | 27 April-13 May 2016 |

## Orientation

The orientation is organized to assist students in adapting to the new environment at CUHK. It covers information on the curriculum, study life, Chinese culture, Hong Kong society and support services offered by the Office of Academic Links and CUHK. In addition, this 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 in college managed hostels. Living with local students will help students with the transition to a new environment and immerse into the Chinese culture. On-campus housing is automatically assigned to admitted students, additional application is not required. Each room is equipped with highspeed internet access.

## Cost of Living

There is often the misconception that studying at CUHK is expensive. In fact, living on-campus at CUHK is extremely affordable as student accommodation and various facilities are heavily subsidized by the Hong Kong SAR Government. The following table shows the approximate living cost at CUHK for 1 term. For a list of fees payable prior to arrival, please refer to our website.

| Item                        | Amount in HK Dollars |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Accommodation               | \$ 5,446.00          |
| Hostel Deposit (refundable) | \$ 1,000.00          |
| Caution Money (refundable)  | \$ 450.00            |
| Books and Supplies          | \$ 12,600.00         |
| Meals                       | \$ 23,100.00         |
| Local transportation        | \$ 2,500.00          |
| Visa Application Fee        | \$ 500.00            |
| Administration Fee          | \$ 1,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$ 46,596.00</b>  |

*Note: This table is for a reference only. Costs provided correspond to on-campus living only. Costs are subject to change due to inflation and will vary depending on lifestyle and preferences of individuals.*

## Application Deadlines

Application to Fall Term and Year: 01 April  
Application to Spring Term: 02 October  
Application to Summer: 30 April

## Application Procedures

Application procedures can be found 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 facilities and clinical services to all exchange students. Basic medication is free. Exchange students should also arrange at their own cost, accidental and medical insurance during their stay in Hong Kong. If they plan on travelling around Asia, the insurance policy should cover these regions also.

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