Exchange Scheme with the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Where is the Chinese University of Hong Kong? — Established in 1963, it is the territory’s second oldest university and one of the top universities in Asia. The campus is located in the suburb of Shatin — the North east part of the city - 30 minutes by train from downtown Kowloon, with approximately 17,916 students.

Who can go?

- Two places will be made available to York Undergraduate students in 2017/18, with priority given to James and Derwent students.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)
- Most courses are open to exchange students although some may require prerequisite confirmation. The only exclusions at CUHK are the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law and Putonghua/Cantonese courses designated for degree candidates.
- CUHK is a bilingual university. Courses are conducted in English, Cantonese or Putonghua. Students can check language of instruction for specific courses on the website [http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/study_at_cuhk/intending_students/course_info.htm](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/study_at_cuhk/intending_students/course_info.htm)

Courses

- Students will be expected to take a full course load over the academic year which will consist of eight 3-unit undergraduate courses (i.e. 12 units (credits) per semester). 24 units should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent 120 York credits.
- The course catalogue serves as a general guide to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check the universities scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year.
- Information on courses can be found at: [http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchange/study-abroad/study-at-cuhk/programme-information#Course_information](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchange/study-abroad/study-at-cuhk/programme-information#Course_information)

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.
Costs

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to the Chinese University of Hong Kong and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) **Visas**: Please check the costs related to applying for a visa. Approximately **HK$30**. (For further information on visas see section below)

3) **Medical insurance and waiver**: It is advised that any required immunisations are completed before you leave UK as the costs are higher at Hong Kong.
Students are advised to arrange, at their own cost, insurance coverage with provisions for emergency evacuation/rescuer’s expenses and repatriation for the full duration of their year in Hong Kong. For more information visit the universities page on Health and Insurance - [http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/preparing-to-come-to-cuhk/health-and-insurance](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/preparing-to-come-to-cuhk/health-and-insurance)

4) **Additional costs to consider**: Flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

5) **Examples of Costs** can be found here: [http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/study-at-cuhk/cost](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/study-at-cuhk/cost)

Visa

- The Chinese University of Hong Kong will ask you to apply for a student visa at the Hong Kong Immigration Department through the Office of Academic Links (OAL).
- In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account (minimum balance of **HK$66,000** for a full academic year), by providing a photocopy of either your bank statement, your parents/guardians bank statement or a letter issued by your home institution.
- It takes approximately 5-7 weeks to process an application; therefore it is advised that students should submit their visa application 2 months before the start of their exchange programme.
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a visa in their home country and not in the UK.

Where will I live?

The Chinese University of Hong Kong will assign exchange students to accommodation in Morningside College. A college founded in 2006, it provides accommodation for 300 students. The college is situated next to the sports centre and is in full view of the Tolo harbour. Details of costs for 2016/17 can be found at [http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/study-at-cuhk/cost](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchangeprogramme-abroad/study-at-cuhk/cost)

Contact details at Hong Kong

Your principal source of general advice at the Chinese University of Hong Kong will be the Regional Programme Officer – Heidi O. Email: heidio@cuhk.edu.hk

Useful web links:

Incoming Exchange Students: http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/study-abroad-a-exchanges-for-visiting-students/term-time-exchange

International Students: https://www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk/news/special-events/international-students

Third Year Abroad: http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/

Foreign Commonwealth Advice: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/hong-kong

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