City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
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Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 17,700
- Number of campuses: 1
- Academic year: August - May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September - December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – May

Things to do

Hong Kong is considered by many to be a shopping and food heaven in the heart of Asia. It has an amazing public transport network and the vibrant city offers a fantastic social experience, with attractions and activities including mountain hiking, watersports, music and art exhibitions, and 3am dim sum.

Hong Kong Island is the island that gives the territory Hong Kong its name. The city is divided into a number of regions. City U is centrally located in the centre of Kowloon, and is directly linked to the Kowloon Tong MTR (underground) by an upmarket shopping centre providing excellent transport links across the city. The university is a short MTR ride to the vibrant dining and nightlife area, Lan Kwai Fong, and shopping centre in Tsim Sha Tsui.

There are also many opportunities to travel within the different regions of Hong Kong, including taking the Peak tram to view Hong Kong’s spectacular skyline, chilling out on idyllic beaches on the Southern side of the island, visiting the Ma Wan Park, Noah’s Ark in the New Territories or seeing the giant Buddha, Disneyland and the Ngong Ping cable car in the Outlying Islands.

Top attractions: Tian Tan Buddha, Peak Tower, Ocean Park Theme Park, Apilu Street Market, Mong Kok markets, Causeway Bay shopping district and Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade skyline viewpoint.

Travel opportunities

Hong Kong is situated in the heart of SE Asia and offers fantastic travel opportunities including Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. It takes 2½ hours to fly from Hong Kong to Shanghai and around 3½ hours to Beijing, or you can visit Shenzhen by train or bus.

Climate

Hong Kong weather is famous for its unpredictability. Despite having a subtropical climate, the city has four distinct seasons: Fall September-December, average 24°C; Winter December-February, average 17°C; Spring warming towards 25°C with many showers; and Summer June-August average 28°C with high humidity.

Finance 2017/18

Bursaries available:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)
- CSE scholarship for Science and Engineering students offered by City U: up to HK $30,000 (approx £3,100). Conditions apply. Further information will be provided to students accepted to City U.
- British Council HK Scholarships for Excellence for students accepted to study abroad in Hong Kong during 2017/18. In the past, a minimum of ten scholarships have been awarded each year, with each scholarship worth up to £3,000. Further information: [https://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/study-uk/scholarships/excellence](https://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/study-uk/scholarships/excellence)

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

More information on cost of living: www.cityu.edu.hk/gso/ies_costlivingfin.htm

Accommodation

University accommodation is available but not guaranteed to exchange students. Most rooms are shared between two students with a bathroom shared between four. There is a very limited number of single rooms available at an additional cost. Accommodation is self-catered with a kitchen on each floor, but there are cafeterias on campus and in hall that provide subsidised meals for students. Halls often provide a number of recreation facilities such as a TV room, computer room and sports facilities. There is normally a laundry in each hall with coin-operated washing machines and tumble dryers, together with a drying area on each floor. Hall fees will not normally include air-conditioning which is payable depending on usage. Private accommodation is available but quite limited and significantly more expensive.


Further information

The Global Services Office provide lots of information for exchange students. www.cityu.edu.hk/gso/

Application success rate

2015/2016 = 80%
2016/2017 = 7%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)