The University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
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Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 27,005
- Number of campuses: 6
- 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. HKU is located in the northwest of the island, in the core urban area of Hong Kong, Central. This part of Hong Kong provides evidence of its colonial past. You can walk from the University through the Po Fu Lam Country Park to The Peak, one of the most popular attractions in Hong Kong, providing stunning views of the surrounding city skyline, the famous Victoria harbour and Kowloon.

There are also many opportunities to travel within the different regions of Hong Kong, including experiencing vibrant dining, shopping and nightlife area in Kowloon, 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, and the Ngong Ping cable car in the Outlying Islands.

Top attractions: Tian Tan Buddha, Peak Tower, Ocean Park Theme Park, Apilu Street Market and Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade skyline viewpoint.

Travel opportunities

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

Climate

Hong Kong weather is famous for its unpredictability. 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 2016/17

Bursaries available:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 or £500 depending on household income (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

- British Council Scholarships for Excellence for students accepted to study abroad in Hong Kong during 2016/17. In the past, a minimum of ten scholarships have been awarded each year, with each scholarship worth up to £4,000

Further information: http://www.britishcouncil.hk/en

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website. General living costs in Hong Kong are around HK$75,000 per year (approx £6000)

Accommodation

- University halls of residence are available but not guaranteed to exchange students. Most rooms are shared between two students with a bathroom shared between four. 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. All halls have common rooms, a laundry and recreational facilities. Internet access and a telephone are provided in each room in most of the halls. Hall fees will not normally include air-conditioning which is payable depending on usage. HKU halls are known for their strong hall spirit, and each hall has its own tradition, culture, and unique characteristics.

- Private accommodation is available but quite limited and significantly more expensive. Most landlords tend to only consider a one-year lease. Students can apply for a bursary of up to £120 per month at HKU for residence in private accommodation.

- More details of the off-campus bursary can be found here: http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/Accommodation/OffCampusHousing/Bursary.php

- Further accommodation information is available from: http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/accommodation.php

Further information

The Office of International Student Exchange provides support and advice to students who study abroad at HKU. http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/

Application success rate

2014/2015 = 46%
2015/2016 = 56%

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