

Undergraduate Exchange 2026-27 Information Sheet

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Language of Instruction	Few Humanities and Social Science courses are identified with a note in the course description to specify the Chinese language requirement – [C], [Ca] or [Pu].
Mode of Instruction	<p>Courses that are approved to adopt special delivery mode like will labelled by course attributes in the course catalogue and/or class schedule page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended learning [BLD] • Self-paced online delivery [SPO] • Real-time online delivery [RTO] <p>While students can study at their own pace for SPO courses, RTO courses require synchronous class attendance and activities during the designated class hours according to the published class schedule.</p>
Period of the academic year	<p>Fall term: Early Sep - Late Dec (including final exam) Spring term: Late Jan/Early Feb - Late May (including final exam)</p> <p><i>**Extension from the Spring Term to the Fall Term of the following academic year is NOT allowed but students are welcome to apply to us for two separate terms if it is agreeable to your home institution.</i></p>

Application Requirements	Program designated for Engineering students; minimum GPA of 2.7 out of a 4.0 point-scale (equivalent to B-) is preferred
Nomination Deadlines	16 March (Fall entry); 16 September (Spring entry)
Application Deadlines	31 March (Fall entry); 30 September (Spring entry)
Courses	<p>Full list of approved courses at HKUST and course descriptions can be found in the on-line Course Catalogue</p> <p>Not all courses are offered every term. The courses offered and class timetables are usually confirmed the week before course registration begins. Before confirmed courses and class offer schedules for the forthcoming term are announced, students are advised to read the course offer information provided for previous terms for reference at https://w5.ab.ust.hk/wcq/cgi-bin/2030/</p>
Restricted courses	<p>Exchange students are excluded from all self-financed programs and courses earmarked for special programs, and Business courses at postgraduate (PG) level (i.e. 5000-level or above).</p> <p>In principle, if students will need PG courses, they shall aim at courses within BIEN, CENG, CIVL, COMP, ELEC, ENEG, IEDA, ISDN and MECH only.</p>
Course Credit	Most courses at HKUST carry 3 credits, with 3 instructional hours per week in 13 teaching weeks.
Recommended Credit Load per term	15 credits
Minimum workload per term	12 credits
Maximum workload per term	18 credits
Course level	<p>Most undergraduate courses are designed from 1000-level (introductory level) to 4000-level (advanced level).</p> <p>Postgraduate courses are on 5000-level or above.</p>
Accommodation / Housing Options	<p>Exchange students are arranged to live in University housing as far as space permits. Students will be placed in shared room.</p> <p>Details of student housing can be found at http://shrl.ust.hk</p>
Living / Prospective costs	HK\$45,000 (US\$5,800 or €6,000) for one term (including student housing, visa and insurance, others, etc.), subject to increase 5-10%.
Medical Coverage	<p>Exchange students, like any other full-time students, can enjoy out-patient services at the on-campus Medical Clinic and dental services at the on-campus Student Dental Clinic. Detailed charges: https://hseo.hkust.edu.hk/clinic</p> <p>All exchange students are required to take out HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance unless prior arrangement is made between HKUST and your home institution.</p>

Visa Requirements	<p>Overseas exchange students must obtain a student visa if they wish to come to Hong Kong to study unless they have the right of abode in Hong Kong.</p> <p>HKUST will send a visa application form to each student with the admission package. After receiving the completed application form from the student, HKUST will process the application on the student's behalf.</p>
Campus Facilities	<p>Exchange students will have access to all on-campus educational, sports and recreational facilities enjoyed by regular students of HKUST. Details of student resources/facilities available can be found https://dst.hkust.edu.hk/eng</p>

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