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Application	<p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <p>Students are normally expected to have completed 2 years of undergraduate study by the start of the exchange, and be in good academic standing at their home institution. Students must be nominated by their home institution.</p> <p><i>Special note for students applying to the School of Business and Management: Students must be majoring in business and have completed at least one year of study at the home institution at the time of application. Students should have no more than one low or failing grade.</i></p> <p><b>English language proficiency</b></p> <p>English is the language of instruction at HKUST. Only some courses related to Chinese language or literature may be conducted in Mandarin or Cantonese.</p> <p>Proof of English language proficiency is not normally required, but exchange students are expected to have English proficiency level equivalent to TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.0.</p> <p><b>Documents required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript</li> <li>• Passport copy (the page with the personal details and photo)</li> </ul>												
Academic	<p><b>Course availability</b></p> <p>Exchange students can enroll in undergraduate courses offered by the Schools below as long as there are places available and they fulfill the course prerequisites and any other enrollment conditions prescribed for the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School of Science (SSCI)</li> <li>- School of Engineering (SENG)</li> <li>- School of Business and Management (SBM)</li> <li>- School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Restrictions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Postgraduate level courses are usually not open for enrollment to undergraduate exchange students. Courses of self-finance programs are not open to exchange students.</li> <li>2. Computer science courses have high demand at HKUST, thus will be difficult for exchange students to enroll into our computer science courses. Students are advised to be flexible in choosing their courses.</li> </ol>												

### *Credit load*

The Fall and Spring terms are each 13 weeks long. One credit normally refers to 13 contact hours per term. The minimum credit load is 12 credits (four courses) and the maximum is 17-18 credits (six courses).

Course catalog: <http://prog-crs.ust.hk/ugcourse>

*Important note:* Courses in the Course Catalog are for reference only. Not all courses in the Catalog are offered every term and the course list will be confirmed around 1 month before the start of the term. Exchange students must be flexible with their course choices.

### *Grades & Transcripts*

HKUST adopts a 4-point grading system, with letter grades, with Grade D being a marginal pass. For details of the grading system, please refer to <http://transcript.ust.hk/grading.html>.

Upon program completion, HKUST will produce transcripts detailing the courses taken and the grades obtained. The transcripts will be mailed to the home institution.

Credit transfers are approved by students' home institutions. Students should check with their home institution on its policy regarding the transfer of grades and credits.

## Accommodation

**University accommodation guaranteed subject to application.** There are nine on-campus halls and one off-campus hall for undergraduate students. Exchange students can choose between on-campus and off-campus accommodation and will be randomly assigned to a double room in one of these HKUST student halls. Students are not allowed to choose a specific hall or their roommates.

Each room is air-conditioned, and furnished with desks, chairs, bookshelves, beds and mattress (no bedding), wardrobes and a mini-fridge. Common facilities include showers, toilets, common rooms with TVs, pantries, microwaves, telephones, and student card-operated washing machines and tumble dryers. Wired and Wi-Fi internet access are available in the student halls.

## Finance

### *Fees*

Under the formal exchange agreement, the tuition fee is waived. Exchange students are required to pay a lump-sum of HK\$12,500 per term (subject to revision) for covering the following upon acceptance:

- University-provided accommodation
- Student visa application and handling
- HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance

*Notes: The amount will be deducted accordingly if students choose not to live in University accommodation, or do not need a visa to study in Hong Kong, or if institutional insurance waiver has been obtained.*

### *Estimated living cost*

Living expenses vary depending on your lifestyle choices. Please budget around HK\$25,000 (US\$3,200) per term including transportation, meals, course materials and daily supplies.

## Student Visa

The Hong Kong Immigration Department requires all non-local students to obtain a student visa in order to study in Hong Kong. In general, students who do not possess the right of abode or the right to land in Hong Kong, or hold a dependent's visa, are required a student visa.

HKUST Office of Global Learning will assist exchange students with the student visa application process. Detailed information will be provided upon acceptance.

Insurance	<p>All exchange students are required to subscribe to HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan that covers the duration of your study. The policy provides for the coverage listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical and hospitalization for illnesses and accidents</li> <li>- Personal liability</li> <li>- Medical evacuation and repatriation</li> </ul> <p>Detailed coverage can be found at <a href="https://sfao.ust.hk/individual.php?l=24">https://sfao.ust.hk/individual.php?l=24</a>.</p>
Health Matters	<p><i>On-campus medical and dental services</i></p> <p>Exchange students can enjoy free out-patient services in the on-campus Medical Clinic and dental services at the on-campus Student Dental Clinic.</p> <p><i>Public hospitals</i></p> <p>As a student entering Hong Kong on a valid student visa, exchange students are entitled to local rates at public hospitals.</p>
Arrival and Orientation	<p><i>Arrival dates</i></p> <p>Fall Term 2021: 30 August 2021 (To be confirmed)  Spring Term 2022: 2 February 2022 (To be confirmed)</p> <p><i>** Students are advised not to purchase flight tickets until the dates are confirmed.</i></p> <p><i>Airport pick-up</i></p> <p>Free airport pick-up will be provided on the arrival dates. Confirmed details will be announced on HKUST Study Abroad website:  <a href="http://studyabroad.ust.hk/inbound/arrival/getting-to-hkust/pick-up">http://studyabroad.ust.hk/inbound/arrival/getting-to-hkust/pick-up</a>.</p> <p><i>Orientation</i></p> <p>A series of orientation activities and welcome events are organized especially for exchange students. Some of them are mandatory. Details can be found at  <a href="http://studyabroad.ust.hk/inbound/arrival/activities">http://studyabroad.ust.hk/inbound/arrival/activities</a>.</p> <p><i>Exchange Buddy Program</i></p> <p>HKUST Exchange Buddy Program pairs exchange student up with a HKUST student, who might be their first friend in Hong Kong. The buddies will provide useful information for exchange students prior to arrival and help them familiarize with the campus and Hong Kong, and meet new friends. Sign up information will be sent to exchange students around two months before the start of the exchange program.</p>

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