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WELCOME





The University of Hong Kong welcomes non-local students and has much to offer, both academically and culturally. As you are preparing to study at The University of Hong Kong, the historical and premier institute in HKSAR, you may wish to have some ideas about the wide range of academic and non-academic services that we provide. This guide is intended to give you some information along with practical tips to ease your adjustment to the University. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you closely to make your stay in HKU a very fruitful and rewarding experience. Thank you.

Dr. Albert Chau Dean of Student Affairs

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December 2012

INTRODUCING THE CENTRE OF **DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS (CEDARS)**

Non-local Student Services – We are your first contact

CEDARS as a whole provides a range of support services to nonlocal students. The Campus Life section is your first contact. We offer you specific support upon arrival.

Campus Life Support

- We provide information and assistance on non-academic matters.
- · We give assistance and guidance on:
 - Visa and immigration formalities
 - Accommodation
 - Orientation and cultural adjustment

Why talk to us?

- · We are experienced in helping students.
- · We understand the university system.
- · We have knowledge of issues affecting non-local students.
- All discussions are confidential.
- · We can refer you to other services, if necessary.

Who are we?

Chief Student Advising Officer:



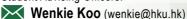
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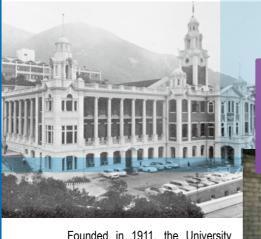
When can you meet us?

You can always drop in at our counter for general enquiries or make an appointment anytime to discuss your concerns and needs with a student advising officer.





Academic & Admission Matters



Founded in 1911, the University of Hong Kong is the oldest tertiary institution in Hong Kong. Today, HKU has a population of some

27,000 students and over 2,000 academic staff, and near 6,700 non-local students coming from 80 countries in October 2012. In 2012, HKU is ranked 1st in Asia and 23rd in the world according to the 2012 QS World University Rankings.

HKU is a culturally diverse campus. It offers full-degree programmes and short-term exchange programmes to non-local students. You can also choose to study at HKU as a "visiting student" for a short period of time. Details on admission criteria and procedure can be found on the website http://www.hku.hk/admission.



REASONS FOR CHOOSING HKU

- HKU is one of the top 25 universities in the world (ranked by the QS World University Rankings 2012).
- ✓ Top English University in Asia.
- ✓ Vibrant and diverse student community with near 6,700 non-local students on the campus.
- ✓ Top score in the world in 2008 for the internationalisation of our teaching staff. They are chosen around the world and come from over 50 different countries.
- ▼ Tuition fees are low by international standards.
- Excellent student support services.
- ✓ State-of-the-art computer centers and first-class research facilities.
- Fully-furnished halls of residence conveniently located near the campus.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES FOR NON-LOCAL STUDENTS

Exchange programme

Partner schools nomination deadline:

- September 2013 admission: March 31, 2013
- March 15, 2013 (Faculty of Law)
- · January 2014 admission: September 1, 2013

http://www.hku.hk/exchange

Undergraduate programme Non-JUPAS Admissions Scheme 2013

For International students applying for the undergraduate programme

- Fast Track: September to November 16, 2012
- Main Round: September to December 28, 2012
- Late: January to August 2013

http://www.hku.hk/admission

For Mainland students applying for the undergraduate programme

 Mid-November 2012 to June 15, 2013 http://www.hku.hk/mainland

Scholarships

International student entrance scholarships are available for undergraduate students.

http://www.hku.hk/international

Research postgraduate programme

Application deadlines

Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)*

- Initial application to the Research Grants Council: December 1, 2012 noon
- Full application to HKU: December 1, 2012
- Main round: December 1, 2012
- 1st clearing round: April 30, 2013
- 2nd clearing round: August 31, 2013
- * All HKPF applications will also be automatically considered for the award of the University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF).

Taught postgraduate programme

Application is open from January 2013 (except some programmes offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics and Faculty of Social Sciences), with the deadline varying from programme to programme (please refer to the Postgraduate Prospectus).

Short-term visiting student

- September admission: May 31, 2013
- · January admission: October 31, 2013

Summer programme

Around December 2012 to June 2013, www.hku.hk/summer

Student visa application

You should mail your visa documents to CEDARS immediately after receiving your admission package. Application closes 6 weeks prior to the commencement date of your programme.

For Mainland undergraduate and taught postgraduate students, please contact China Affairs Office for help in your student visa application.

Application for Halls or Residential Colleges

For exchange and undergraduate students

- September admission: May to August, 2013
- January admission: October to December, 2013

For postgraduate students

Application is open throughout the year. Students are strongly recommended to apply as soon as they have received the offer letter of admission.

Accessibility Support for Student with a Disability

The University welcomes students with a disability and will work with you to achieve a rewarding and successful university life. If you encounter any difficulties that are related to your studies or your participation in university life, please contact CEDARS to discuss ways and means by which the University may assist you, including the availability of learning services or equipments, application for special examination arrangements. For details, please visit the CEDARS website http://cedars.hku.hk under "Accessibility Support".

Accommodation

Accommodation for full degree undergraduate and exchange students (for full-time students only)

We have different types of accommodation to suit your needs:

A/ Halls (primarily for undergraduate students)

There are thirteen halls of residence, eleven of which are directly administered by the University, while two are financially and administratively independent of the University. These halls vary considerably in size and character. They are basically undergraduate halls, but they also accept a small number of postgraduate students. The quota for international students is relatively small and competition is usually keen.





Hall Culture: Is it for you?

The halls of HKU are committed to the personal and social development of their members. They are part of the education system, rather than a mere provision of accommodation. Hall members are expected to take full advantage of this experience and to participate actively in a wide range of hall activities.

The halls are also known for their strong hall spirit. Members identify very strongly with their halls. Each hall has its own tradition, culture and unique characteristics.

B/ Residential Colleges (for undergraduate and postgraduate students)

The University has built four Residential Colleges on Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town for 1800 students.

The Residential Colleges have three distinctive features. First, as they are located within Kennedy Town and next to many residential blocks, students will have very close engagement with the community. Students use their knowledge and skills to help build a better community and at the same time, learn and grow in the process.

Second, there is a strong intellectual and academic component. Through activities such as seminars, salons, talks and projects, students together embark on interesting intellectual journeys and explorations. Such activities will also benefit the rest of the University community.

Third, the Residential Colleges have strong representations of local, mainland and overseas students. There is a lot of in-depth cultural exchange. The students may also help Kennedy Town to develop into a multi-cultural community.

Finally, the Residential Colleges also build on the proud traditions of halls, e.g., identity, High Table Dinners, etc.

Hall & Residential Colleges Facilities

All halls and Residential Colleges have common rooms and recreational facilities. Each floor has its own pantry and is equipped with refrigerator, microwave oven, hotplate, water boiler and drinking fountain. Communal bathroom and toilet facilities are provided on each floor. All rooms are air-conditioned and are furnished with bed and mattress. Each student is provided with a wardrobe, writing desk with lamp, chair and bookshelf. Individual network point and a shared telephone line are provided in every room in most of the halls. Coin/smartcard-operated washing and drying machines are provided in every hall as well.

Hall & Residential Colleges Charges: Planning your expenses

The following table outlines the fees (in HK dollars) for undergraduate students residing in the halls of residence, based on the charges of the year of 2012/13. Fees are normally adjusted annually.

Halls	Lodging Fees	Compulsory Meal Charges
St. John's College	Single Room	
	\$10,569~\$16,260 (271 residential days)	\$8,569.5
Ricci Hall	Single Room	
	\$10,920 (273 residential days)*	\$7,115
University Hall	Double Room / Shared Room	\$8,000
	\$10,840 (271 residential days)	
Other university-	Double Room / Shared Room	Not applicable
administered halls 1	\$10,840 (271 residential days)	· ·
Residential Colleges	Single Room	Not applicable
	\$16,260 (271 residential days)	
	Double Room	
	\$12,195 (271 residential days)	

- ¹ Swire Hall, Simon K.Y. Lee Hall, Lady Ho Tung Hall, Lee Hysan Hall, Lee Shau Kee Hall, Morrison Hall R.C. Lee Hall, Starr Hall, Suen Chi Sun Hall and Wei Lun Hall.
- * Resident has to pay the following additional items: (1) \$1,200 Communication & Network Charges and Air-conditioner Fee; (2) \$800 RHSA Fee; (3) \$2,000 room and electricity deposit (refundable). Please confirm with hall office for update figures.

Note:

- In 2012~13, the residential period will start from 6 September 2012 and end on 4 June 2013 (271 residential days).
- If you are a resident of St. John's College, Ricci Hall or University Hall, you MUST join the meal plan of your hall. Please contact the office of your hall for the information and coverage of the meal plan.
- If you are a resident living in other halls / residences, you can have meals at catering outlets within the campus or nearby your hall. The cost will be around \$3,000 per month.
- Apart from the lodging fee (and the compulsory meal charges for the 3 halls), you will be required to pay some
 miscellaneous charges such as students' association membership fees, compulsory high table fees, room and / or
 smartcard deposits, etc. on a semester basis. The total ranges from \$800 to \$1,500 per semester while some of
 them may be refundable. The office of the hall / residence will give you an updated list of charges after you have
 been offered a place.
- After moving into the hall / residence in September and January, you will receive the invoices of the hall charges in
 October and January respectively via your HKU portal account. You will have to pay in cash (HK dollar) or by bank
 transfer to HKU bank account at HSBC (There is a branch of HSBC in the Main Campus of HKU).
- If you wish to stay in hall during the summer vacation (from June to August), you have to contact the office of your hall / residence by April for the application of summer vacation residence. Additional charges will be incurred.

Halls and Residential Colleges

Lady Ho Tung Hall

for women only Shared room

- 91 Pokfulam Road
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- http://www.hku.hk/hotung



Lee Hysan Hall

for men and women

Shared room

- · 6 Sassoon Road
- · next to the medical campus
- · within a short bus ride from the Main Campus
- http://lhh.hku.hk



Lee Shau Kee Hall

for men and women

Shared room

- 109 Pokfulam Road
- · next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- http://www.hku.hk/lskhall

Morrison Hall

150 undergraduates (for men only) 150 postgraduates (for men and women)

Shared room

- 109 Pokfulam Road
- · next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- · http://www.hku.hk/morrison



R.C. Lee Hall

for men and women

Shared room

- · 6 Sassoon Road
- · next to the medical campus
- · within a short bus ride from the Main Campus
- · http://www.hku.hk/rclhall



Ricci Hall

for men only run by Jesuit Fathers Single room

- 93 Pokfulam Road
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- http://www.hku.hk/ricci



Simon K.Y. Lee Hall

for men and women Shared room

- · on Main Campus (Pokfulam Road)
- http://www.hku.hk/skylee



St. John's College

for men and women an Anglican Foundation College for students who study for full academic year Single room

- 82 Pokfulam Road
- · opposite to the Flora Ho Sports Centre
- · has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- http://www.hku.hk/stjohns



Starr Hall

for men and women Shared room

- 91 Pokfulam Road
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- · http://www.hku.hk/starr



Suen Chi Sun Hall

for men and women Shared room

- 109 Pokfulam Road
- · next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- · within walking distance to the Main Campus
- · http://www.hku.hk/scsweb



University Hall

for men only Shared room

- 144 Pokfulam Road
- · within a short bus ride from the Main Campus
- has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- · http://www.hku.hk/uhall



Swire Hall

for men and women Shared room

- on Main Campus (Pokfulam Road)
- · http://www.hku.hk/swire



Wei Lun Hall

for men and women Shared room

- 6 Sassoon Road
- · next to the medical campus
- within a short bus ride from the Main Campus
- · http://www.hku.hk/weilun



Residential Colleges on Lung Wah Street

for men and women Single / Shared room

- · 9 Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town
- · launched in September 2012
- · within a short bus ride from the Main Campus
- http://www.cedars.hku.hk/residentialcolleges



C/ Other Student Residences Housing

When all hall or Residential College vacancies for non-local undergraduate students are filled, students will be assigned a place in a "non-hall" student hostel like the Patrick Manson Student Residence (PMSR) and Pokfield Road Residences (PRR). (see Accommodation for postgraduate students below).

The lodging fee for undergraduate students in the PMSR and PRR is the same as that of other university-administered halls or residential colleges. In addition, residents will be charged air-conditioning fees and they have to pay key and smartcard deposits.

Patrick Manson Student Residence (for new non-local students)

Patrick Manson Student Residence (PMSR) is a "non-hall" student hostel. It is a four-storey building housing about 141 students. Accommodation facilities are provided on a sharing basis. It is situated near the main teaching sites on Sassoon Road. Unlike traditional halls, there are no hall commitments and fewer activities for residents.



Facilities:

Each room in PMSR is furnished with beds, wardrobes, writing desks with lamps, chairs and bookshelves for each student. Main entrance access, laundry and air-conditioning service are operated by smartcard devices. In addition, residents share one spacious TV common room, which can be used for various social and academic-related activities. Each floor has a communal pantry equipped with hotplate, rice cooker and refrigerators. Two washrooms and separate shower stalls are also provided on each floor.

This residence is linked to the Main Campus by means of university shuttle bus within school hours. Residents can also travel to the Main Campus by bus.

Website: www.hku.hk/pflac



D/ Application Procedures: Getting a place

The Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) coordinates and places newly admitted non-local undergraduate students into halls and non-hall student housing. As soon as you are admitted to the University, you may submit your application. The online application form is available under "Accommodation for non-local students" of the CEDARS website at http://cedars.hku.hk. You will normally be notified of your application result in late July (for students admitted for the first semester) or in early December (for students admitted for the second semester).

Accommodation for postgraduate students

The University has a few postgraduate residences that are independently managed. You should contact these residences directly for applications and enquiries.

A/ Graduate House

Located on the Main Campus, Graduate House provides air-conditioned accommodation for 200 postgraduate students. There are 190 single rooms with shared bathroom between two adjacent rooms and 10 double rooms with private bathroom. Approximately 80% of residents are from overseas.

Monthly charges:

Single room: HK\$2,700

Double room: HK\$4,950 (for married couples without children)

(Occupants are required to pay the monthly electricity charges of his own bedroom)

Security deposit: one month house charge

Key deposit: HK\$100



For enquiries about vacancies, please contact:

Mr. Dick Chow Manager

Graduate House University Drive The University of Hong Kong

Tel: (852) 2249 1800 Fax: (852) 2546 1861 Email: gradhse@hku.hk

Website: http://www.hku.hk/gradhse



B/ Wong Chik Ting Hall, St. John's College

It takes about 15-minute walk to the Main Campus and is well served by bus routes. Priority is given to research students. Residency for one complete year is preferred. The monthly charge for a room ranges from HK\$4,000 to HK\$4,500 (excluding utilities). All rooms are fully furnished and air-conditioned, with self-contained bathroom.

For enquiries about vacancies, please contact:

Mr. Joshua Yu Manager

St. John's College 82 Pokfulam Road Hong Kong

Tel: (852) 2817 7102 Email: stjohns@hku.hk

Website: http://www.hku.hk/stjohns



C/ Pokfield Road Residences



Pokfield Road Residences can accommodate up to 251 postgraduate students in four types of flats: single flats, 2-bedroom flats, double/ triple-shared flats and family flats. Priority is given to newly arrived non-local research students. (A small number of vacancies will also be set aside to buffer the demand from non-local undergraduate students.) Residents can stay from one month up to twelve months, with possibility of renewal. The monthly lodging fee ranges from HK\$1,860 to HK\$3,720.

The Residence is within walking distance to the University's main campus (by 20 minutes) and Flora Ho Sports Centre (by 10 minutes).

Facilities:

All flats come with en-suite bathrooms, domestic washing machines and are fully furnished with bed, wardrobe, study desk, chair and telephone connection. Each flat also contains a small kitchen area with sink, cupboard, gas-stove and small refrigerator for the preparation of light meals.

While lodging fee includes utilities cost, air-conditioning is payable and activated by a smartcard device. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own bed space, the communal bathroom and kitchen facilities.



For enquiries, please contact:

Mr. Alan Ng Accommodation Manager

Pokfulam Amenities Centre Pauline Chan Building 10 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong Tel: (852) 2589 0404

Fax: (852) 2819 7973 Email: pflac@hku.hk

Website: http://www.hku.hk/pflac

D/ Morrison Hall

Founded in 1913, Morrison Hall is one of the oldest halls in the University. The Hall was closed down in 1968. Yet, with the efforts of the "Morrisonians", a campaign for the rebuilding of Morrison Hall was initiated in late 1990s. The new building is located near the Flora Ho Sports Centre. All rooms are double rooms fully furnished with air conditioning and access to the campus network. There is a common bathroom and a pantry on each floor. It provides 150 residential places for both male and female postgraduate students. Priority will be given to newly arrived research postgraduates. It also consists of an undergraduate residence which accommodates 150 male students. All Morrisonians are expected to interact with each other through formal as well as informal hall activities. The monthly lodging fee for each postgraduate student is around HK\$1,400, subject to annual review.







Ms Christina Lo Manager

109 Pokfulam Road Hong Kong Tel: (852) 3604 2014

Fax: (852) 2855 7192 Email: jockeyv2@hku.hk

Website: http://www.hku.hk/morrison



E/ Residential Colleges

The size of single room and double room are about 8 and 15 sq.m respectively. All rooms are furnished with beds, wardrobes, writing desks with lamps, chairs and bookshelves. Also, rooms are connected to the HKU Campus Network with data ports for internet access.

Laundry and air-conditioning services are operated by a 'pre-paid smartcard' device. Each floor has a communal pantry equipped with hot and cold drinking water supply, hot plates, microwave oven, refrigerator and television. There are communal washrooms and shower stalls on each floor as well.

There is five-storey podium housing multi-purpose common rooms for various social and academic-related activities.

The dining hall at the College will be completed by November/December 2012.In 2012-3, there will be 25% - 33% postgraduates in each College. In the long run, the proportion of undergraduates to postgraduates is 1:1.

F/ Robert Black College (for short stay only)

Robert Black College provides accommodation primarily for overseas visiting scholars. There are a few vacancies for students.

Applicants can choose from a variety of accommodation, including single rooms, twin rooms, suites and apartments. All bedrooms have their own showers, and are airconditioned and furnished with a refrigerator, television, radio and telephone. There is also access to the University's computer network in every room. Computers, fax machine and other facilities are also provided in the communal areas for residents' use.



For enquiries, please contact:

Ms Catherine Lok

Manager

Tel: (852) 2549 3719

Email: rblack@hkusua.hku.hk Website: http://www.hku.hk/rblack

G/ Off-campus University Rented Accommodation



In anticipation of the growing number of non-local students and the corresponding shortage of residential places, the University has rented a small number of flats in Sai Ying Pun (西營盤) for those students who are interested in living in off-campus housing owned by private landlords. These off-campus flats are located within walking distance to Main Campus and are well served with facilities such as shops, banks and restaurants. Priority will be given to newly admitted non-local postgraduate students.

For enquiries about vacancies, please contact

Mr. Alan Ng Accommodation Manager

Tel: (852) 2859 2305

Email: accommodation@cedars.hku.hk

Accommodation for married students and dependants

The University does not have any accommodation facilities specifically provided for married students and their dependants. However, they may apply for the flat and apartment run by the Robert Black College (monthly rental ranges from \$7,000 to \$20,000) for temporary stay. In the long run, they need to rent a private flat outside the campus. Graduate House and Pokfield Road Residences also have limited residential places for married couples without children.

Off-campus Privately Rented Accommodation: An option for all

Privately rental accommodation is another option for you. Private accommodation is relatively more expensive than living in halls. Most landlords look for long-term tenancy of at least a year. If you wish to look for privately rented accommodation, you are strongly advised to arrive earlier, so that you will have ample time for property inspection and rental negotiation. The monthly rental starts from HK\$4,000 up for a small single room and HK\$10,000 or more for a flat. A set of guidelines on tenancy matters can be found under "Accommodation" section on our website at http://cedars.hku.hk.





Hotels and Hostels in Hong Kong

There are a number of hotels and hostels in Hong Kong, in which students can stay either short-term or long-term. Please visit the CEDARS website and go to "Accommodation" for information and reservation.

Temporary accommodation on campus

A few guest rooms are available in some halls for students to stay temporarily. For those who need temporary accommodation, they should contact the following hall offices directly for reservation and information:

Hall	Email Address	Telephone No.
Lee Hysan Hall	lhhall@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5110
Lee Shau Kee Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2024
Morrison Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2014
R. C. Lee Hall	rclhall@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5250
St. John's College	stjohns@hku.hk	(852) 2974 3500
Starr Hall	starr@hku.hk	(852) 3156 7575
Suen Chi Sun Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2034
Swire Hall	swwarden@hku.hk	(852) 2105 6600
Wei Lun Hall	weilun@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5300



Cultural Adjustment and Life in HKSAR

Hong Kong Culture Language

Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan society. Chinese is the major ethnic group. Locals speak the dialect of Cantonese. Most people speak Cantonese and know English, though fluency of the latter is another issue. Putonghua is commonly heard and spoken nowadays. Some locals may have difficulties in understanding you, particularly if you have strong regional accents. You may also find that you have difficulties in understanding them at first. Just be patient. Try to speak slowly and deliberately. Avoid colloquialisms and jargons if you can. When communication becomes really difficult, remember the magic word "smile". It works across all cultures.

Social Customs and Behaviour

- It is common to call your peer's first name. It is always safe to address the elders and seniors in the social circles with their titles such as Mr. Chan, Dr. Wong, Professor Lee etc.
- It is advisable to give your Chinese friends plenty of personal space, particularly if you do not know them well. If you are interacting with the locals, avoid the common western gestures like back slapping, and nudging as some Chinese may find them uncomfortable.
- Do not push ahead of others who are waiting in a queue.
- It is not polite to ask a newly acquainted person about his or her income or marital status.
- Squatting on the street and spitting or speaking loudly in public area is regarded as "uncivil" acts. Putting your feet on a chair or on a train seat is deemed as "very bad manner".
- Modesty is highly valued by the Chinese. Display of intense affection, temper or anything "extreme" will very often be frowned upon.

The concept of "face" (dignity) is very important for the Chinese.
 Refrain from making criticism and personal remarks on social occasions.

Chinese Festivals

Hong Kong celebrates many traditional Chinese festivals. The most important one is the Chinese New Year, which usually falls in January/February. Classes will be suspended and university offices will be closed.

Daily Living in Hong Kong

The University campus is well served by public buses and green mini-buses. Eligible students can apply for a "Student Octopus Card" in October every year.

Generally Hong Kong is a safe city with many well-lit roads. Public transportation services also operate till midnight throughout the week.

If you wish to learn about the other facets of "HK life" such as transportation, money matters, cultural events, tourism spots, you can surf the official websites such as http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk, http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk, http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk,

Some Hints on Adjustment to Hong Kong

- · Examine your expectations
- · Listen and observe
- Ask questions and seek clarification
- · Keep an open mind on cultural differences
- Keep your sense of humour
- Be prepared for anxiety and frustration
- · Get involved in student activities
- Explore the local culture of Hong Kong
- Actively interact with local students and introduce your culture to them
- Learn basic Cantonese (Do consider participating in the "Survival Cantonese" Programme jointly organised by CEDARS and Chinese Language Centre. For enquiries, please to cedars-cope@hku.hk)

On-line University Adjustment Tips

- FAQ videos on Successful University Life http://cedars.hku.hk/faq
- Successful university adjustment website http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/fye/tips-on-enjoying-university-life/
- Adjustment Tips for Non-local Students http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/tips/

Consultation Service offered by CEDARS

Professional Counselling Service

If you have concerns with your studies, emotions, psychological health, and relationships, you can arrange to meet a counsellor anytime during office hours by appointment. All our counsellors are professionally qualified and our service is confidential. You can make an appointment in person, or calling (852) 2857 8388, or email to <cedars-cope@hku.hk>.

If you have a crisis or need urgent counselling, you can meet our Duty Counsellor on a first-come-first-served basis during our drop-in hours (Mondays to Fridays, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m) at:

CEDARS (Counselling and Person Enrichment) Room 408, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex

General Consultation

at Chi Wah Learning Commons (2nd floor, Advising Area, Zone R), Centennial Campus

You are also welcome to discuss any matters related to hall life, learning support available on campus, participation in extra/co-curricular activities, financial management and career development with CEDARS student advising officers at the Learning Commons. Please check the website and announcement for our on-duty hours.

Family Matters:

Should I bring along my own family?

Before making a decision of bringing your family to Hong Kong, it is important to consider the following issues:

- The airfare expenses for your family to and from Hong Kong
- Additional accommodation expenses as you need to rent a larger flat
- Extra cost for food, clothing and other necessities
- Restricted employment opportunities for your spouse
- Provision of child care facilities
- Whether your children will adjust well to schools in Hong Kong
- English-speaking schools are mostly privately run and expensive
- •The impact on you and your studies if your family is not happy in Hong Kong
- Whether you come to Hong Kong first and arrange things for your family, or bring your family to Hong Kong together with you

Finances

Fees and Expenses 2013-2014 (For Reference Only)

The following ESTIMATES are based on charges for the year of 2012/13 only. Fees and charges are expected to increase on an annual basis.

Major expenditure (in HK dollars)

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Items	Undergraduate Students	Postgraduate Students
	Academic	
Tuition fees (for 2013-14 cohort)	\$135,000 p.a.* *This is for UGC-funded programmes only. For self-financing courses, the fees vary from programme to programme.	For students of taught courses, you need to check the tuition fees with Faculty office as fees vary from programme to programme. For research students: \$42,100 p.a.
Other University expenses	\$350 Caution money + \$240 Student Union fees	\$350 caution money
Academic expenses (e.g. books and supplies excluding PC & accessories) Some courses also have significant expenses relating to overseas fieldtrips and special equipments.	around \$7,000 - \$30,000 p.a.	around \$10,000 - \$40,000 p.a.
	Housing	
Lodging fees of the University's residential halls & colleges	\$11,000 - \$20,000 (271 residential days)	\$12,500 - \$55,000 p.a.
Hall miscellaneous charges	\$1,600-\$3,000 p.a. These include hall association entrance & subscription fees, high table dinner fees, key deposits etc, excluding air-conditioning charge which varies with individual lifestyle & seasons (approximately \$200 per month in summer).	

Compulsory hall meal charges (for certain halls only)	\$5,900 - \$8,200 p.a. (not all meals are covered)	
University-administered non-hall housing	\$11,000 p.a.	\$20,000 to \$42,000 p.a.
Privately rented accommodation	Single room from \$30 utilities.	per sq.ft. up, excluding
Other Expenses		
Personal expenses (depending on your lifestyles and assuming eating on campus)	Around \$4,200 per month	n up
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You also need to budget for your entertainment, overseas travel, insurance and medical expenses, etc.

The following tables give you some reference figures on common meal and transportation items:

Meal Charges (on-campus catering outlets)

Items Set Breakfast Set Tea Sandwiches Set Lunch Set Dinner Bakery Salads Hot Drinks / Coffee Cold Drinks / Coffee	Price range (HK\$) 13 - 25 13 - 25 8 - 30 11 - 30 18 - 35 5 - 20 12 - 25 6 - 25 7 - 27
Cold Drinks / Coffee Snacks	7 – 27 5 – 20

Transportation Cost

HKU student's frequent routes	Fare (HK\$)	Means of public transport
Sassoon Road to Main Campus	2	By University shuttle bus
	5 to 10	By bus or mini-bus
Main Campus to Central	5 to 8	By bus
Main Campus to Causeway Bay	6 to 10	By bus or minibus
Main Campus to Mongkok	11 to 15	By bus, minibus and MTR

Financial Aid

Like most countries, the HKSAR government or the University does not provide financial aid to non-local students. It is therefore important for you to plan your budget well and ensure that you will have adequate financial resources to cover all your expenses during your stay in Hong Kong.

Scholarship

Postgraduate studentships/scholarships are available for those reading for a M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree. Further information is obtainable from the Graduate School.

International student entrance scholarships are available for undergraduate students. You can find out more information at http://www.hku.hk/ international>.

Part-time and Summer Job

Under the existing immigration regulations, full-time full-degree non-local students are allowed to work at the designated operators on the HKU campus for up to 20 hours per week during term time. They can also work full-time during the summer period. For details, please visit the CEDARS website at http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html >.

While some students can earn extra money from part-time and vacation work, availability of suitable jobs is not guaranteed. It is not advisable to plan your budget expecting to find work for the maximum allowable hours.



Banking Arrangements: Making early provision

If you do not have a bank account in Hong Kong, you will need to transfer money for use on arrival. This can be done, either

 by instructing an overseas bank one or two weeks prior to your departure. Arrange to send money in your name to a bank in Hong Kong (both HSBC and the Bank of East Asia have branches on the HKU campus); or by carrying traveller's cheques or a bank draft for deposit into a local account (personal cheques can also be deposited but may take up to three weeks to be cleared).

The majority of banks are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Most establishments in Hong Kong accept major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard and American Express but the University and most campus outlets accept cash or cheque only.

Bringing money

There are usually significant extra expenses in the first month of your stay, such as rental charges, household items and textbooks. On top of the tuition fees, the first month's expenses can amount to HK\$10,000 or more for a student. It is important to have a realistic idea of the amount of money you will need and plan accordingly.

You are advised to bring enough cash, traveller's cheques, or bank drafts to cover expenses of at least your first month. Do not, however, carry too much cash at any time.

You will be able to locate banks and currency exchange services at the airport as well as on campus.

You can obtain a bank draft or transfer money to a bank account in Hong Kong through your local bank. Keep in mind that it may take some time to cash a large bank draft.

Money transfers should be arranged well before your departure.

There are two banks located on campus:

HSBC (Tel: 852-2233 3000) The Bank of East Asia (Tel: 852-3609 1812)

Bank of China (Automated Teller Machine only)



The official currency of Hong Kong is Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). You can exchange foreign currency or traveller's cheque with Hong Kong Dollar according to the daily exchange rates at any banks or money exchange shops in Hong Kong.

Medical Care & Insurance: Keeping well

The University provides comprehensive primary health care to entitled students through a clinic on the Main Campus. Medical consultations are generally free of charge. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. A charge is also levied on dental treatment and physiotherapy treatment at the University clinic.

When specialist care and hospitalisation are required, students may be referred to specialists/hospitals in the public or private sector. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity (HKID) card are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalisation in government hospitals. You are therefore strongly recommended to arrange medical insurance for your whole period of stay before you come to Hong Kong. Insurance options for non-local students are very limited in Hong Kong.

Non-local persons without a HKID card have to pay FULL FEES for services and hospitalisation in Government Hospitals. The charges are as follows:

Deposit		Around HK\$33,000 to be paid upon admission		
Room o	harge per day	General Ward High Dependency Ward Intensive Care Ward Special Intensive Care Ward	HK \$3,300 HK \$9,800 HK\$13,900 HK\$18,100	
Operati	on cost	HK\$3,900 to HK\$12,300 (for minor surgery) HK\$70,300 to HK\$300,000 (for ultra major surgery) This does not include charges for tests, X-rays, cast, medication and follow up checks etc.		

Fees are adjusted upward annually.

Patients need to settle all outstanding charges before discharge.

Please note that many insurance policies are strictly on a reimbursement basis. International students, even with insurance coverage, may have to settle the medical bill first before you can claim reimbursement. It is important that you check carefully with your insurance company on the extent of coverage, and the claim procedures, and set aside a sum of money for contingencies.

Further details are listed on the CEDARS website at http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/incoming/sl/healthcare.html

Students Under 18

You may still be under the age of 18 at the time of admission to HKU. In this case, your parent/guardian is required to sign a consent form, without which the University may have difficulty in arranging some of the teaching and learning activities, and accommodation for you.

You will be generally treated as an adult and are expected to lead your academic and social lives in HKU as other students. The University will correspond directly with you, but not your parents/guardians, on things related to you such as course enrolment, payment status of fees, academic status, results and grades etc. Your parent/guardian will only be contacted in emergency or other situations where disciplinary action or potential risks are involved.

Things to note:

1. Student visa application

Your parents need to nominate a local Hong Kong resident to be your guardian when applying for student visa. Details of the guardian and nomination form should be attached to your visa application set at time of application. Please consult CEDARS if you have further enquiries.

2. Banking arrangement

Student under 18 must be accompanied in person by their parent(s) or legal guardian to open a bank account at one of our local banks. The University is not able to act as your guardian in this context.

3. Accommodation

If you are in need of student accommodation and are successful in your applications, you will only be housed in University student residences such as Halls, Non-halls and the Residential Colleges. These are better learning communities with better facilities and more comprehensive care.



Visa Matters

Who should apply for a student visa?

Generally speaking, if you wish to study in Hong Kong and you do not have a right of abode in Hong Kong, you need to apply for a HKSAR student visa.

When to apply?

As soon as you have received the admission letter.

Enquiries

For all international students and Mainland research students, please contact Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS).

Website: http://cedars.hku.hk/sections/campuslife/VisaMatters/FormsNotes.php

Email: cedars@hku.hk

For exchange students, undergraduates and taught course postgraduates from the Mainland, the contact office at the University is the China Affairs Office.

Website: http://www.als.hku.hk/hkucao/

Email: visaapp@hkucc.hku.hk (Undergraduate programme)

pgvisa@hku.hk (Master programme)

Information on visa procedure can be updated anytime without prior notice.





Arrival Reception Service

Exchange students may apply for the HKU Buddy Programme. A current HKU student will be assigned to be your buddy and help you throughout your stay at HKU. Your buddy may also meet you at the Hong Kong station, the terminal station of Airport Express and bring you to the HKU campus. You are expected to establish direct contacts and exchange emails with your HKU buddy before your departure. You can apply for a buddy directly on the website of the Office of International Student Exchange (OISE) <www.hku.hk/exchange> after you have received the admission letter.

Postgraduate students may contact the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA) at <pgsa@hku.hk> to inquire after the availability of reception service.



Getting to HKU

From Hong Kong International Airport to HKU

HK International Airport is situated in Chek Lap Kok on Lantau Island.



Take the Airport Express Train from the HK International Airport to the Hong Kong Station, Central (the train fare is HK\$100 and the train ride takes 25 minutes)

Then take a taxi from Central to your hall (taxi fare: HK\$50 to \$80 + luggage fee; 20-minute ride to HKU halls)

Although there are green mini-buses from Central to the campus, this is not recommended as they do not allow luggage.









HK airport

HK Station

HKU



By Bus & By Taxi

Take bus No. A11 from the HK International Airport to Central. (bus fare is HK\$40, 1-hour bus ride)

Then take a taxi in Central to your hall (taxi fare: HK\$50 to \$80 + luggage fee; 20-minute ride to HKU halls)



HK airport

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1 hour



20mins



Central

HKU



By Taxi

If your budget permits, simply take a taxi from the HK International Airport directly to the hall, the cost is about HK\$350 and the travelling time is approximately 45 minutes.

Most taxi drivers understand enough English to get you where you want to go. But it may be helpful to show the instructions on "Going to HKU Student Residences" (refer to the insert card of this book) to the taxi driver.



45mins



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If you are living in University Hall or Sassoon Road student halls, you can take the bus No. A10 at the HK International Airport. That will take you directly from the airport to the Pokfulam district. The fare is HK\$48.

By Bus



1 hour 30 mins



From Hung Hom Railway Station to HKU

You can simply take a taxi from Hung Hom Station to HKU. The travelling time is about 40 minutes and the taxi fare is around HK\$150, plus luggage fee. As an alternative, you can take bus no. 103 to the HKU main campus.

從香港赤蠟角機場至香港大學

途徑有四:

- (一) 乘搭機場鐵路快線至香港總站,然後轉乘的士(即出租車)至香港 大學。機場快線列車費用為港幣100元,的士費用大概為港幣60 元。
- (二) 你可在機場直接乘搭的士至香港大學,車費大概為港幣350元。
- (三) 若你只是攜帶輕便行李,你可選擇在機場乘搭巴士(即公共汽車) A11號至中環區,然後轉乘的士至香港大學。巴士費用為港幣40 元,的士費用大概為港幣60元。
- (四) 若你住在大學堂宿舍或沙宣道學生宿舍羣,你可在機場乘搭機場 巴士A10號至薄扶林區,巴士費用為港幣48元。

從港鐵紅磡車站至香港大學

在紅磡車站下車後,可直接乘搭過海的士直接到達香港大學宿舍或旅館。從紅磡到香港大學本部校園的路程約40分鐘而車費大概為港幣150元。若你只是攜帶輕便行李,你可選擇乘搭103號隧道巴士直達香港大學本部校園(在香港大學東閘下車)及沿途宿舍(大學堂宿舍及沙宣道宿舍除外)。若你的宿舍位於沙宣道,你須在本部校園轉乘28號或10號公共小巴。

Orientation Programme

Cultural adjustment session, city tour, campus tour will be specially designed for newly arrived non-local students at the beginning of every semester. You can sign up at the CEDARS & Office of International Student Exchange upon arrival. Updated news will be posted on the CEDARS website nearer the time.

Besides the orientation for non-local students, CEDARS organises induction activities for new HKU students, such as the Induction Programme Series of CEDARS, the Inauguration Ceremony, and the High Table Dinner/Luncheon. All these activities are designed to help you integrate with the rest of the University and to cultivate your sense of identity as a member of HKU.

In order to facilitate your adjustment and adaptation to the HKU hall life, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the hall orientation activities which will normally take place in late August. You can find out more details from your own hall manager or Hall Association in early August.



Catering: Where to eat

Catering outlets on the campus

You can easily access to restaurants, café and kiosks located throughout the Main Campus, Centennial Campus, Sassoon Road Medical Campus, student villages and residential halls along Pokfulam Road and Sassoon Road. Their locations and operating hours are listed below:



Main Campus

Maxim's Food²

4/F Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Restaurant Outlet A [Food Court] 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Daily) Fast food, western cuisine (Semi-table-serviced)

Union Restaurant

4/F Haking Wong Building Union Restaurant [Canteen]

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Mon - Sat)

11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Sun & Public Holidays) Fast food, noodle, Chinese BBQ, SE Asian food

FSCAC Restaurant

2/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre [Canteen]
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri)
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Sat)
Closed (Sun & Public Holidays)
Fast food, noodle, Chinese BBQ, SE Asian food

Ebeneezer's Kebab & Pizzeria

1/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre Halal Food Corner [Halal Food] 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri) Closed (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays) Halal fast food, kebabs, Biryani rice, curry, pizza, snacks, drinks



Oliver's Super Sandwiches 4/F Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Restaurant Outlet B [Cafeteria] 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Daily) Pasta, sandwiches, petites, breads, baked potatoes, salad, coffee



Pacific Coffee

Global Lounge Café [Cafeteria] 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri) 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sat) Closed (Sun & Public Holidays)

Sandwiches, petites, breads, pastry, puff, salad, coffee

Starbucks Coffee Main Library Coffee Shop [Cafeteria]

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Sat)
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Sun & Public Holidays)
Sandwiches, pastries, breads, salad, coffee



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Joseph's at the Graduate House
P3 Graduate House [Western Fine Dining]
11:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. (Mon - Sat)
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.(Sun & Public Holidays)
Western cuisine (Table-serviced)

Catering Outposts (Main Campus)
Outpost I - FRU:YO Factory
3/F Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Mon - Sat)
Frozen yoghurt, croissant, beverages

Outpost II - SUBWAY

Run Run Shaw Podium (near Runme Shaw Building) 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri) Submarine sandwiches, snacks, drinks

Outpost III - TWGHs iBakery

Run Run Shaw Podium (outside bookstore) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri) Bakery products, coffee, beverages

Outpost IV - Mangrove (Tuck Shop)

Covered podium of Main Library (near Sun Yat-sen Place) 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Mon - Fri)

Japanese style bento, box meals, sandwiches, snacks, coffee, beverages

Centennial Campus

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G/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Mon - Fri) 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays) Western fast food, sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea, light drinks

Super Super Congee & Noodle

G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Daily) Congee, dumpling & noodle (Guangdong style), drinks

BIJAS Vegetarian Food

G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Mon - Sat) Vegetarian food (Chinese), dim sum, buns, drinks

Pokfulam Road Student Villages

Jockey Club Student Village I - Ho Tim Hall Restaurant

91 Pokfulam Road, JCSV-I Ho Tim Hall Restaurant [Waiter-serviced Canteen] 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Daily) Local fast food

Jockey Club Student Village II - C.C. Canteen 111 Pokfulam Road, JCSV-II C.C. Canteen [Canteen] 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Daily) Local fast food

Sassoon Road Student Residence

Bay View Restaurant

6 Sassoon Road Bay View Restaurant [Canteen and Chinese Restaurant] 7:30 a.m. - 9:15 p.m. (Daily)

Local fast food, noodle, dim sum, Chinese cuisine (Table-serviced)

Sassoon Road Medical Campus

7/F Faculty of Medicine Restaurant

7/F William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road [Table-serviced Restaurant] 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Mon - Sat) Western cuisine (Table-serviced)

Garden Patio

Fun Pui Garden, LG/F William M.W. Mong Block [Food Kiosk] 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Mon - Sat) Snacks, sandwiches, coffee and tea

Sports Centre

Stanley Ho Sports Centre Kiosk 10 Sha Wan Drive [Food Kiosk] 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Daily) Noodle, snacks, drinks

Cyberport Phase 4

Delicious Corner

L2, Block A, Phase 4, Cyberport, 100 Cyberport Road, H.K. [Waiter-serviced Canteen] 8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. (Mon - Sat) Closed (Sun & Public Holidays) Chinese cuisine, Chinese style soup (Table-serviced)



Off Campus

If you do not mind spending a bit more, there is a variety of restaurants serving different kinds of cuisine within walking distance from the Main Campus along Bonham Road, downtown Sai Ying Pun and the nearby shopping arcade. You may also explore different international delicacies at the SOHO district (Central), adjacent to it is the famous Lan Kwai Fong where you can hang out, have a drink and enjoy chit-chat with your friends and fellows. A number of restaurants in town also serve specialist Kosher Food.



Cuisine & Location

How far?

Pizza and Burger

Bonham Road (Burger) Pizza (Downtown Sai Ying Pun or call-to-deliver)

S.E. Asian Cuisine

The Westwood Shopping Arcade and Western Street

Western dining

Along Bonham Road

Chinese Restaurant and Dim Sum

The Westwood Shopping Arcade, downtown Sai Ying Pun

Local Tea Restaurant

Along Bonham Road, Third Street, Water Street, downtown Sai Ying Pun

Japanese Cuisine

The Westwood Shopping Arcade

Pubs, International Cuisine SOHO District (Central).

Lan Kwai Fong

Specialised Kosher Food

5-10 min walk from East Gate

5-10 min walk from West Gate and East Gate respectively

5-10 min walk from East Gate

10-15 min walk from Main Campus

All within 10 min walk from Main Campus

10 min walk from West Gate

10-15 minutes by Green-top Minibus or Taxi from East Gate

http://cedars.hku.hk/catering/KosherRestaurant.pdf

Further details on campus catering services and the reference menu of respective outlets can be viewed at http://cedars.hku.hk/catering.



At HKU the official medium of instruction is English. If needs arise, you may make use of the "Practice laboratory" (self-access language learning facilities) run by the School of Modern Languages and Cultures. Details can be viewed at http://www.smlc.hku.hk/facilities/.

Chinese courses

Undergraduate students and exchange students can enroll in the credit-bearing Chinese courses run by the School of Chinese. The School runs Cantonese courses and Chinese Language Courses for foreign students. Research postgraduate students can also sign up for the Cantonese classes offered by the Graduate School.

Language support

Individual Peer Tutoring on Language (English and Cantonese)

To help newcomers better adjust to the learning and social environment at HKU and facilitate a greater integration of local and non-local students, CEDARS and language centres (Centre for Applied English Studies and Chinese Language Centre) have jointly organised "Peer Language Tutoring (both in English & Cantonese) Programme".

Non-local students who do not know Cantonese and wish to learn survival Cantonese are encouraged to join "Survival Cantonese" modules conducted by local students.

Half-hour English conversational practice sessions are offered to any HKU students who want to brush up on their oral English skills. All English peer tutors are native or near native English speakers.

You can register as a tutee to learn from your peers, or become a Peer Tutor to help other students. Watch out for enrolment/recruitment notices.

HKU jargons

HKU students have a lot of jargons like "submarine", "superpass" etc. It would be interesting to learn some of them from your buddy.

Student Clubs

HKUSU

HKU is renowned for its vibrant campus life. Students enjoy a high degree of autonomy. The Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU) is the largest student body on the campus. It is independent of the university administration and runs its own Co-op store and photocopying centre on the campus. It has more than 100 sub-organisations, each with distinctive objectives and functions, catering to the diverse interest of the student population. Only HKUSU members can represent HKU or HKU halls to participate in competitive games. For the full list of student clubs and membership details, please refer to the HKUSU homepage at <www.hkusu.org>.



PGSA

Postgraduate students may apply for the membership of the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA). It aims to enhance the student life of postgraduate students by encouraging their participation in academic and social events. More can be found on its website at http://www.pgsa.hku.hk/>.

CSSA

Chinese Student and Scholars Association (CSSA) welcomes new students, especially Mainland China students to apply for the membership. By maintaining the forum www.hkucssa.com and organising regular social activities, it provides support in campus life as well as in career. New members of CSSA will also get an information booklet (in Chinese) in which you can find detailed information about every aspect of your new journey. You may also ask questions on the forum or write to them at https://kwcssa@hotmail.com for tips before arrival.

CSSAUD

Undergraduate students coming from Mainland China are automatically members of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association Undergraduate Department (CSSAUD). Its prime objective is to provide support and enrich campus life for mainlanders by organising regular social activities. Some of the activities, such as Singing Contest, Welfare Week, Orientation Camp, have been Brands and well welcomed by members. Every year, CSSAUD publishes an information booklet (in Chinese) for the newly arrived Mainland freshmen. It covers all sorts of HKU academic, recreational, and daily life information and even experience. More details can be found on their homepage at <www.cssaud.com>. You may also write to them at <cssaud@cssaud.com> for tips before arrival.

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Student Amenities



All HKU students can enjoy the facilities provided by the three amenities centres. The Global Lounge located on the G/F of Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre is a favourite mingling place among local and non-local students.

Facilities include:

- Bank
- · Breastfeeding room
- · Meeting room
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Music rooms
- · Prayer room
- Photocopying centre
- Restaurants
- Shower rooms
- · Student society rooms
- Supermarket
- TV room
- Theatre

Both the St. John's College (an Anglican establishment) and Ricci Hall (run by the Jesuit priests) house a chapel outside the Main Campus.

Chi Wah Learning Commons

The 6,000 m² Chi Wah Learning Commons (智華館) is located at the podium levels of the University's new Centennial Campus. The facility, which spreads over three levels, is a technology-rich, shared or common space in which students, teachers and others can come together to interact, and participate in various kinds of activities held there. More information can be found on its website at http://www.its.hku.hk/services/tl/lc/menu.





Student Attire

There is no official dress code in HKU. Students normally dress casually for lectures and tutorials. It is a norm for students to put on business attire for class presentation. Formal dress code is required for formal functions like "High Table Dinner", official ceremonies and special occasions. If you participate in competitions or sports games, you are expected to wear team's uniform.

Smoke-free Campus

HKU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not allowed on the campus.

Student Sport and Recreation

At HKU, there is a broad range of health, fitness, sport and recreational facilities and programmes to help make your stay in Hong Kong a fun and healthy experience. Sports fans can make use of the wide range of sports facilities at the Flora Ho & Lindsay Ride Sports Centres (indoor sports) on Pokfulam Road and the Stanley Ho Sports Centre (outdoor sports and athletics) in Sandy Bay. You can find out more information from the Institute of Human Performance at http://www.ihp.hku.hk.



Dates of Semesters for 2013-2014

Dates of semesters of 2013-2014 are to be confirmed. Please check with your Faculty for information.

Please visit the website of the Academic Development and Quality Assurance Section of the Registry (http://www.adqa.hku.hk/) in early 2013 for the assessment periods for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Directory

■ Halls and Residential Colleges

Lady Ho Tung Hall 何東夫人紀念堂

Lee Hysan Hall 利希埴堂

Lee Shau Kee Hall 李兆基堂

Morrison Hall 馬禮遜堂

R. C. Lee Hall 利銘澤堂

Ricci Hall 利瑪竇宿舍

Simon K.Y. Lee Hall 李國賢堂

St. John's College 聖約翰學院

Starr Hall 施德堂

Suen Chi Sun Hall

孫志新堂

Swire Hall 太古堂

University Hall

大學堂

Wei Lun Hall 偉倫堂

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Faculty of Architecture 建築學院	 ⊕ http://fac.arch.hku.hk/ ᢏ (852) 2859 2149 ⇒ faculty@arch.hku.hk
Faculty of Arts 文學院	 http://arts.hku.hk/ (852) 3917 8977 arts@hku.hk
Faculty of Business and Economics 經濟及工商管理學院	http://www.fbe.hku.hk/(852) 2241 5343fbeinfo@hku.hk
Faculty of Dentistry 牙醫學院	 http://www.dental.hku.hk/ (852) 2859 0390 dentktu@hku.hk
Faculty of Education 教育學院	http://web.edu.hku.hk/(852) 2859 2357edfac@hku.hk
Faculty of Engineering 工程學院	⊕ http://engg.hku.hk/ᢏ (852) 2859 2803⇒ enggfac@hkucc.hku.hk
Faculty of Law 法律學院	 http://www.law.hku.hk/ (852) 3917 2951 lawfac@hku.hk
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Faculty of Science 理學院	 http://www.scifac.hku.hk/ (852) 2859 2683 science@hku.hk
Faculty of Social Sciences 社會科學學院	⊕ http://www.socsc.hku.hk/ᢏ (852) 3917 1234⇔ socsc@hku.hk
Graduate School 研究學院	http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/web/(852) 2857 3470gradsch@hku.hk
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Others:

Academic Advising Office 學業指導處	http://aao.hku.hk/ (852) 2219 4686 aaoffice@hku.hk
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Finance and Enterprises Office 財務及企業管理處	http://www.feo.hku.hk/finance/(852) 3921 2895finance@fo.hku.hk

Office of International Student Exchange 國際學生事務處

University Health Services 大學醫療保健處 http://www.hku.hk/exchange

(852) 2219 4309

exchange@hku.hk

http://www0.hku.hk/uhs/index.html

(852) 2859 2501

whealth@hku.hk

Useful Websites

The University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Immigration Department
Hong Kong International Airport
Hong Kong Transportation
Hong Kong Tourism Board
Study in Hong Kong

<http://www.hku.hk>

<http://www.immd.gov.hk>

http://www.hongkongairport.com

<http://www.td.gov.hk>

http://discoverhongkong.com

<http://studvinhonakona.edu.hk>

International Student Profile

In 2012, we have admitted non-local students from the following places:

Afghanistan Armenia Australia Bangladesh Belgium Belize Brazil Britain Brunei Bulgaria Burma Burundi Cambodia Cameroon Canada Chile China Colombia

Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Ecuador

Costa Rica

Estonia Finland France

Egypt

Georgia Germany Ghana Greece Honduras Hungary India Indonesia Ireland Israel Italy Japan

Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Korea
Latvia
Lithuania
Macau
Malaysia
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico

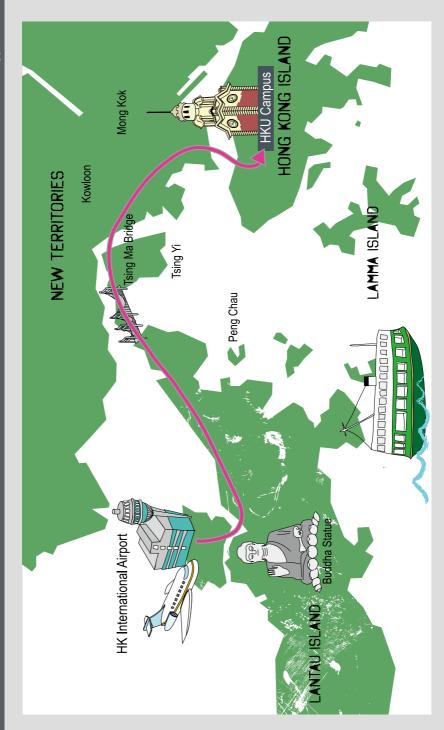
Mongolia Morocco Nepal New Zealand Norway Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Swaziland
Sweden

Pakistan

Switzerland Syria Taiwan Tanzania The Netherlands Turkey

Turkmen Ukraine USA Vietnam Zambia Zimbabwe Looking forward to meeting you at HKU!





Other Useful Booklets

Guide for Newcomers 2012-13

http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/International/PublicationsAndFormsMain.php

First Year at HKU

http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/fye/files/2012/08/FYE_brochure.pdf

Pre-departure Checklist

Prepare the followings before you leave:

- Ensure that your passport and travel documents are valid and in order.
- Obtain a student visa for your study in Hong Kong (refer to p.38).
- Make sure you have finalised your accommodation arrangements. For students admitted into our halls of residence, you are required to confirm your acceptance of the offer directly with the hall concerned.
- Notify your hall of your arrival details so that they can arrange for the keys collection.
- Arrange health/medical insurance if necessary (refer to p.36). You should make additional provision if necessary.
- For visiting and exchange students only: Confirm the credit transfer arrangement
 with your own study abroad office. Make sure you know whether your home
 institution will give you credit for the classes that you complete at HKU.
- For exchange students only: Keep your buddy informed of your arrival details so
 that you can be greeted at the Airport or at the Hong Kong Station. It will be better
 for you to send your buddy a photo first, and ask your buddy for the contact number.

What documents should I bring?

We recommend that you carry the following documentations with you. Do not put them in your luggage when you travel. To be safe: make photocopies of them.

- · Valid passport or travel documents.
- Student Visa (You have to present your student visa label to the Immigration Officer at the Airport on arrival).
- Original Letter of Acceptance from HKU.
- Proof of funds available (e.g., bank draft, transfer of funds, credit, scholarship or other) and/or credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard).
- Address and telephone number of where you are going.
- Your medical records, immunisation records and academic records.
- Documents with details of your insurance policy (if any) issued in your home country.
- For those who are married, marriage certificate if your spouse is accompanying you.
- · Passport photo for hall registration.
- Proof of your permanent address in your own country (e.g. original bank statements, driving license). The bank statements should be of the past 2 months and in English.

What should I pack?

Clothes & Bedding

- You can expect sunny, bright and cool weather during winter and occasional mist and showers from March to mid-May, so a shower proof jacket is desirable.
- There is no heating system in Hong Kong and some winter days can be quite cold.
 You may consider bringing a quilt for the cooler days or alternatively buy one in Hong Kong.
- Linen and pillows are not provided in halls. You can get these items easily in the nearby markets of the HKU campus. Some halls will lend you these items for the first few days.

Dictionary

Cantonese is the main language spoken among local students, but students are competent in speaking good English and all classes are conducted in English. However, you may expect some of the general public cannot speak good English. Bring along a good bilingual dictionary if you need one.

Electrical equipment

The electrical equipment you bring should be compatible with Hong Kong's voltage, which is 220 volts, 50Hz. The plug used in Hong Kong has 3 pins in rectangular shape.

Food

- Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city, and you will be able to find most, if not all, types
 of food here.
- In case your flight arrives late, you may have difficulties in locating a restaurant or catering outlet. It is advisable to pack some light snacks such as biscuits or chocolates in your hand luggage.

Mobile phones

Hong Kong is using the GSM, WCDMA and LTE (2G, 3G, 4G) networks. There are a wide range of packages offered by different service providers in the market. Alternatively, you can also bring your handset and purchase a local pre-paid SIM card to use in Hong Kong.

Sports goods/music instrument

If you wish to participate in student sports teams or any other student clubs, you may wish to bring along your personal equipment or instrument.

Study tools

Computer facilities are available on the campus and inside some halls. You may however wish to bring along your own laptop for the use inside your room. Most of the campus areas and all halls have wireless network coverage for registered students. On the other hand, you can connect to the Gigabit Ethernet via LAN port in your room in hall.

Telling the Taxi Driver to Go to Your Hall



If you take a taxi to HKU campus, you may show the Chinese sentence below to the driver to take you to your Halls to check-in.

Going to Graduate House

From Robinson Road to Conduit Road. Turn right onto University Drive. Follow the direction of the arrows to the drop off point.

To go to the residential block, enter Graduate House through the entrance on Level P1.

司機先生: 請你載我到 "香港大學" 本部校園的研究生堂 請經羅便臣道至于德道入口進入校園。前往位於大學道之落客區下車。 前往宿舍人十請使用位於P1層的入口。

Going to Lady Ho Tung Hall/Starr Hall/Ricci Hall

Option I

If you are coming to Lady Ho Tung / Starr Hall / Ricci Hall by taxi from Central / Hong Kong MTR station and you do not have lots of luggage, please pass the following message to the taxi driver

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道91號"香港大學"的何東夫人紀念堂宿舍/施德堂宿舍/

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向行駛,過了香港大學黃克競樓後下一個巴士站,即寶翠園對 面的巴士站下車。

Please go along the Pokfulam Road to Aberdeen. Pass the Haking Wong Building of HKU, and stop at the bus stop opposite to the Belcher's.

Get off the taxi and cross the road. You will see the Jockey Club Student Village I.

Option 2

If you have lots of luggages and do not mind giving HKD10-20 more, please pass the following message to the taxi driver.

司機先生:請你載我到薄扶林道91號"香港大學"的何東夫人紀念堂宿舍/施德堂宿舍/ 利瑪竇宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向行駛,到浦飛路巴士總站回轉,向寶翠園方向行駛,在寶翠 園前的學生宿舍轉入,再轉右,駛入香港大學舍堂一村。(請留意舍堂村入口在薄扶林 分區電力站前)。

Please go along the Pokfulam Road to Aberdeen. U-turn at Pokfield Road bus terminal and turn in the direction to the Belcher's. Turn left soon after passing the Pokfulam Electricity Zone Sub-station and into the HKU Halls area. Turn right and into the HKU Jockey Club Student Village I.



Going to Lee Hysan /R.C. Lee Hall / Wei Lun Hall

Please go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Queen Mary Hospital. At the traffic lights in front of the hospital, turn right down to Sassoon Road and immediately right turn to the access road leading to the student halls.

司機先生: 請你載我到沙宣道6 號 "香港大學"的利希慎堂宿舍 / 利銘澤堂宿舍 / 偉倫 堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛,至醫院前交通燈處,右轉落沙宣道,隨即於右手 面第一個路口轉上學生宿舍。

Going to Morrison Hall/Suen Chi Sun Hall / Lee Shau Kee Hall

Take taxi from Airport Express Station in Central or Shun Tak Center in Sheung Wan: Please go on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Turn left at the first traffic light following Fulham Garden (located at 84 Pokfulam Road). Make a U turn at the parking meters outside a park. Turn right at the traffic light and keep on left lane in direction to Central. Turn left at the private road beyond the Flora Ho Sports Centre but before Pokfield Road. The halls are in front of the roundabout.

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛,過了富林花園(位於薄扶林道84號)第一個燈位左轉入公園小路,在公園外咪標位回轉出小路,在路口燈位轉右向中環方向靠左線行駛,經過何世光夫人體育中心,並於蒲飛路口前左轉入私家路直達宿舍 (私家路入口處有一個大黑色匾牌)。

Going to Patrick Manson Student Residence

Starting from Sai Ying Pun, go on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Stay on the right lane when approaching the traffic lights in front of the hospital. Turn right and then stay on the left side to go down to Sassoon Road. Turn right at 10 Sassoon Road and go into the car park of Pauline Chan Building.

司機先生:請你載我到沙宣道10號陳蕉琴樓,"香港大學" 的白文信學生宿舍之辦事處 (薄扶林文娛中心)

請從西營盤沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛,至醫院前交通燈處靠右線,右轉然後靠 左駛入沙宣道,往下走至中段沙宣道10號右轉入陳蕉琴樓停車場。

Going to Pokfield Road Student Residence

Starting from Sai Ying Pun, stay on the left lane when going on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Make a right turn to Pokfield Road at the traffic lights after Sinopec Gasoline Station (next to Pokfield Road Bus Terminus). Go downslope along Pokfield Road and the Residences are at the first left turn.

司機先生: 請你載我到蒲飛路13 號 "香港大學" 的蒲飛路學生宿舍

請從西營盤沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向靠左線行駛,經過中石化油站(蒲飛路巴士總 站旁)後的交通燈位轉右入蒲飛路,沿蒲飛路往下走左邊第一個路口直達宿舍。

Going to Residential Colleges

Please go on Connaught Road West in the direction to Kennedy Town. Continue onto Shing Sai Road. Then turn right onto Sanda Street. Stay on the right lane and turn right onto Belcher's Street at the second sets of traffic lights. Make a left turn at the second intersection to Smithfield Road. Then turn right at the intersection after PCCW Kennedy Town Telephone Exchange. Make a right turn onto Lung Wah Street and the HKU Residential Colleges on Lung Wah Street is on your left in front of the Kwun Lung Lau.

司機先生:請你載我到龍華街9號 "香港大學"的住宿學院(於堅尼地城觀龍樓前面) 請沿干諾道西向西行到城西道,沿城西道左轉入山市街,靠右行駛,直行到第二個交 通燈位右轉入卑路乍街,在第2個路口左轉入士美菲路,經過石山街、科士街和蒲飛 路路口,在電訊盈科堅尼地城電話機房後的第1個路口轉右繼續走士美菲路,然後再 右轉入龍華街。

Going to Simon K. Y. Lee Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road via the Western District Police Station in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn right and go up to the flyover when your entered the west gate of the HKU (opposite to Chiu Sheung Secondary School, Hong Kong). Then, stop your taxi at the loading point adjacent to the multi-storey car park of the Union Building.

司機先生: 請你載我到 "香港大學" 本部校園的李國賢堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道經西區警署前往香港仔方向,至港大西閘入口(潮商中學對面)轉右上天橋,至學生會大樓多層停車場之上落貨處下車。

(P.S. Students are advised to use the lift inside the car park from CP1 to Ground Floor. Turn right when you take off the lift & you will find the entrance of the Hall when you reach the Ground Floor of the Union building.)

(同學可利用多層停車場內的升降機,由CP1乘搭至G層出升降機後入學生會大樓地下,便見宿舍入口)。

Going to St. John's College

Go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Stay on the left side of the road after passing the Pokfield Road bus terminal for another 30 meters, turn left at the car park entrance of the College (will go pass the main entrance of the College on the way; opposite to the Flora Ho Sports Centre). Go straight up and stop at the car park.

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道82號 "香港大學" 的聖約翰學院學生宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向,過了浦飛路巴士總站,靠左向前行三十米左右,在學院車場路口左轉沿路經過學院大門,位於何世光夫人體育中心對面),直上車場停下。

Going to Swire Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road via the Western District Police Station in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn left when your enter the west gate of the HKU (opposite to Chiu Sheung Secondary School, Hong Kong). Then, turn right at the first corner and follow left hand side of the road. After you passed through the Knowles Building and K.K. Leung Building, turn left before the flyover and stop your taxi at the car park in front of Swire Building.

司機先生:請你載我到 "香港大學" 本部校園的太古堂宿舍

請沿西營盤西區警署(七號差館)旁,上薄扶林道往香港仔方向,到了潮商中學對面之港大西邊入口,轉左按票入閘口,隨即轉右靠左手面直上,到鈕魯斯樓再直去,至梁 球鋸樓前的天橋口轉左,在太古樓停車場停下。

(P.S. Students are advised to use the lift inside the Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre from GA to L Floor of Swire Hall. Please use the inter-com on the wall opposite to the lift by pressing 10 and then "Enter" button.)

(學生可使用方樹泉文娛中心內的電梯,由地下至太古堂入口,請使用電梯對面之內線

電話,按10字再按 "Enter"掣)。

Going to University Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn left at the first corner after the second traffic light beyond Queen Mary Hospital. (At this corner, there is a sing showing 142-144, and on the left there is pay-phone booth). Go straight up. Turn right at the security kiosk. University Hall is the light green castle in front of you.

司機先生: 請你載我到蓮扶林道144 號 "香港大學" 的大學堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向,過了瑪麗醫院後第二個燈位後第一個路口左轉, (該路口有142及 144號門牌,左邊有一個電話亭) 沿路直上,見保安亭右轉,大學堂停車場停下。

Going to University-rented Off-campus Housing - On Hing Building

Go on Des Voeux Road West in the direction to Sai Ying Pun. After passing Ramada Hong Kong Hotel, stop your taxi in front of the 7-11 Convenience Store at the traffic lights at Water Street.

司機先生: 請你載我到 "德輔道西326-332號安慶樓"

請沿德輔道西往西營盤方向行駛,過了香港華美達酒店,到水街交通燈位、7-11便利 店前下車。

Going to University-rented Off-campus Housing - 13 Chi Wo Street

Go on Nathan Road in the direction to Jordan. Turn left to Cheong Lok Street (At this corner, there is a Bank of China (Hong Kong)), and then turn left to Chi Wo Street. Stop your taxi in front of the shop "NEILPRYDE".

司機先生: 請你載我到 "佐敦志和街13號"

請沿彌敦道往佐敦方向行駛,左轉入長樂街(該路口有中國銀行香港分行),再左轉入 志和街,在NEILPRYDEIYR店前停車。

Going to Wai Yuen Mansion

Stay on the right lane when going on Queen's Road West in the direction to Western District Police Station. Stop your taxi in front of Nice Restaurant, in front of the travel lights at Western Street.

司機先生: 請你載我到"皇后大道西341-343 號惠苑"

請沿皇后大道西往西營盤西區警署(七號差館)方向靠右線行駛,走到西邊街交通燈之前,在尼斯餐廳門前停車。



