

City University of Hong Kong

Student Exchange Programme - Academic Year 2025-2026

Fact Sheet

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General Information		
Academic calendar	Semester A (1 st semester):	Semester B (2 nd semester):
Teaching	1 Sep – 29 Nov 2025	12 Jan – 18 Apr 2026
Revision Period	1 – 6 Dec 2025	20 – 25 Apr 2026
Examinations	8 – 20 Dec 2025	27 Apr – 11 May 2026
Semester Break	22 Dec 2025 – 10 Jan 2026	12 May – 6 Jun 2026
Link to academic calendar	http://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro/ac_calendar.asp	

Exchange-related Information		
Nomination Deadline (by email to Joann YIU Joann.yiu@cityu.edu.hk)	Semester A (September Entry): 8 April	Semester B (January Entry): 1 September
Application Period	Semester A (September Entry): 8 April - 1 May	Semester B (January Entry): 1 September - 1 October
Website for exchange-related information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ceng/global-outreach/student-exchange/inbound-exchange • https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ 	
Online application for admission	<p>Account registration (Select College of Engineering):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieuserreg_cityu.P_Main_Dept <p>Application login:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login 	
Application check list	<p>The following supporting documents should be provided at the time of application:</p> <p>For online application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcript in ENGLISH. Please include the courses you are taking in the current semester. • TOEFL/IELTS/CET result if English is not the medium of instruction at your institution • Application for Student Residence of CityUHK <p>For visa application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailed the following application documents to the Global Engagement Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORIGINAL copy of the Application form for Visa (ID995A) - Request for Visa Sponsorship & Student's Agreement: https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login - Declaration by Financial Sponsor (Sample; if applicable) https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/declaration-financial-sponsor - Photocopies of financial documents under the name of the applicant - Photocopy of your travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry - View a submission sample/checklist 	
Minimum language requirement	TOEFL 79 (internet-based test), IELTS 6.5 or Chinese Mainland's College English Test Band 6, if English is NOT the medium of instruction at your institution.	

Can students extend their exchange stint?	Yes, but subject to approval of the home and host institutions. Application for re-admission should be raised before 1 May for Semester A enrolment and 1 October for Semester B enrolment to allow enough time to process the application and apply for extension of visa.
Activities or services available to exchange students (e.g. student activity group, student club, sports facilities, wellness centre etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students may apply for associate membership and join the activities organised by the Students' Union at CityUHK • Student residence hall activities • Community service work organised by the University, e.g., City-Youth Empowerment Project • Access to campus facilities including the library and medical centre, etc. <p><i>Note: Fees will be charged for some of the activities and services.</i></p>

Course-related Information (for exchange students)

List of courses available	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/admissions/exchange-students Go to Application Procedures -> Submit Your Application -> Select Courses for Your Study Plan
Class schedule	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/admissions/exchange-students Under Class Schedule
Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)	Some courses with a capacity limit do not accept exchange students. For pre-requisite required courses, students must have taken courses considered equivalent to the pre-requisite.
Medium of instruction and assessment	The medium of instruction and assessment at CityUHK is English unless specified otherwise.
Minimum and maximum number of credits to be taken for each semester	12-18 credit units per semester. Exchange students must take a full-time credit-unit load, i.e., at least 12 credits per semester, in order to meet the visa requirements, set by the Hong Kong SAR Immigration.
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?	Yes, subject to approval by the course-offering department. However, exchange students attached to the College of Engineering (CENG) are required to take a minimum of 9 credit units from courses offered by departments of CENG (course codes that start with CA, EE, MNE, MSE & SYE) and GE courses offered by CENG departments.
Level of courses	Exchange students are allowed to take courses at the undergraduate level only (course level: B1-B4) unless approved otherwise. Normally, exchange students are not recommended to take postgraduate courses, and the approval is on a case-by-case basis and is subject to the course offering departments under CENG. Postgraduate courses offered by other colleges/schools will not be considered.

Any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange programme stint?	No.
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Accommodation	
Is student residence available for exchange students?	Yes, exchange students may apply for accommodation at Student Residence. Please note that the provision of a hall place is NOT guaranteed due to limited spaces.
Online application for student residence	Submit together with exchange application via https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwhaapplacs_cityu.P_Login
Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	No, accommodation at Student Residence is not available during term break between Semesters A and B.
Link to information on off-campus accommodation	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm
Website for information on accommodation	http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro

Visa Requirements	
Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Details and procedures can be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.immd.gov.hk • http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ies_stdvisa.htm Students are encouraged to apply for a student visa to Hong Kong via CityUHK. CityUHK may act as the local sponsor of exchange students who are accepted for admission and meet Hong Kong visa application requirements.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	No. Exchange students are not allowed to work, whether paid or unpaid.

Arrival / Orientation Programme		
Recommended arrival dates	Semester A (tentative dates): 25 – 29 Aug 2025	Semester B (tentative dates): 5 – 10 Jan 2026
Is airport pick-up service available?	Yes, scheduled shuttle bus service from Hong Kong International Airport to CityUHK Student Residence at Cornwall Street will normally be provided during the orientation week (Mon-Fri). A reservation is required.	
Orientation period	Semester A (tentative dates): It normally starts from the week before the semester commences.	Semester B (tentative dates): It normally starts from the week before the semester commences.

Cost of orientation programme (if any)	Most of the activities are free of charge, except for city excursions, which will charge a modest activity fee.
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<i>Insurance</i>	
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Are exchange students required to purchase insurance?	<p>Yes. It is mandatory for non-local students (including exchange students) to have insurance.</p> <p>Students must purchase insurance for themselves before they come to Hong Kong. The insurance should include, but not limited to, medical and travel insurance that will cover the entire period of their study in Hong Kong. If they are unable to do so or wish to have additional insurance coverage, they may enroll in the 'Group Personal Accident Insurance & Medical Benefits Insurance Plan for Non-local Students' contracted by CityUHK. For more information, please see: https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/non-local-students/insurance</p>
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<i>Estimated Expenses in Local Currency</i>	
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Private accommodation	Private accommodation is expensive and limited in Hong Kong. It may cost around HK\$10,000 to HK\$15,000 for a two-room flat in some of the residential areas. If students choose to live off campus, they need to look up for private residence on their own and act fast. Please see https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm for information.
Cost of Living	Living costs will vary depending on individual lifestyle expectations. A basic student budget is estimated to be HKD 6,000 (per month) including meals, transport, laundry, and education expenses for books and stationery.

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