

## The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS)

### 2024-2025 INCOMING EXCHANGE INFORMATION SHEET



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World's Top 600+ Young Universities  
in Times Higher Education Young  
University Rankings 2023

7<sup>th</sup>

Asia's Top 500+ Universities (No. 3 in  
Hong Kong) in Times Higher  
Education Asia University Rankings  
2023

30<sup>th</sup>

Global Employability University  
Ranking 2022 (No. 1 in Hong  
Kong, No.3 in Greater China) in  
Emerging, published by Times  
Higher Education

[HKUST](#) was opened in 1991 as a world-class technological university dedicated to the advancement of learning and scholarship, with special emphasis on research and postgraduate education. SHSS includes a [Division of Humanities](#), [Division of Social Science](#), and [Center for Language Education](#). Our internationally-recruited faculty are committed to pursuing excellence in both research and education.



Find out more about SHSS exchange experience from our [Student Testimonial](#) !

### Tentative Dates

#### Fall Semester, AY 2024/25 (Semester 1)

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| Preferred arrival date | Late August 2024  |
| Orientation date       | Late August 2024  |
| Classes start          | 1 September 2024  |
| Exams start and finish | Mid December 2024 |

#### Spring Semester, AY 2024/25 (Semester 2)

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| Preferred arrival date | Late January 2025 |
| Orientation date       | Late January 2025 |
| Classes start          | 1 February 2025   |
| Exams start and finish | End May 2025      |

## Admissions

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| <b>Nomination Deadlines</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 March 2024 (For Fall Semester 1 – 2024/2025);</li> <li>15 September 2024 (For Spring Semester 2 – 2024/2025)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Application Deadlines</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31 March 2024 (For Fall Semester 1 – 2024/2025);</li> <li>30 September 2024 (For Spring Semester 2 – 2024/2025)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Application Web Link</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>General Info</b><br/><a href="https://www.shss.ust.hk/global_experience/exchange_in_info/">https://www.shss.ust.hk/global_experience/exchange_in_info/</a></li> <li><b>Application Portal</b><br/><a href="#">Undergraduates</a> / <a href="#">Postgraduates</a></li> <li><b>Please submit the nomination list to SHSS</b> before doing online application.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Student Visa</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all incoming exchange students (non-Hong Kong citizens), you are required for a student visa to study in HK. Student visa documents must be submitted in a <b>TIMELY</b> manner or will be withdrawn.</li> <li>Please expect that student visas may take up to 3 months to be approved by the Director of Immigration Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).</li> <li>For Mainland Chinese students holding PRC passport, you will need an additional 2-4 weeks to apply for an EEP from your hometown after you have received your approved visa label.</li> </ul> |

## Accommodation

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| <b>Accommodation Info</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only undergraduate students might be accommodated in double occupancy student halls. It is <b>NOT</b> guaranteed, subject to availability. Room preferences is not entertained. Hall assignments are all decided by the housing office. Details to be stipulated in application portal.</li> <li>For postgraduate students, <a href="#">off campus accommodation</a> is available near Clearwater Bay, such as Hang Hau just 15 minutes from campus on public transports or Sai Kung.</li> <li>The price range is from HK\$7,000- 10,000 per month for a single room. Rates, government rent and management fees exclusive.</li> </ul> |
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## Finance

| <b>Tuition Fee</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
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| <b>Estimated Expenses</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Approximate</b></li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>HK\$ Per term</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>On Campus Hall Fee (subject to availability &amp; approval)</td><td>12,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Off Campus Rental Fee</td><td>22,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Student visa</td><td>900</td></tr> <tr> <td>HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee</td><td>1,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Food</td><td>16,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Books</td><td>1,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Transportation &amp; personal expenses</td><td>8,500</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Above cost for general reference only. Personal expense may vary.</p> |  | HK\$ Per term | On Campus Hall Fee (subject to availability & approval) | 12,000 | Off Campus Rental Fee | 22,000 | Student visa | 900 | HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee | 1,500 | Food | 16,000 | Books | 1,500 | Transportation & personal expenses | 8,500 |
|   | HK\$ Per term   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
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| Off Campus Rental Fee                                   | 22,000  |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
| Student visa  | 900   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
| HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee                   | 1,500   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
| Food  | 16,000  |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
| Books   | 1,500   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |
| Transportation & personal expenses                      | 8,500   |  |               |   |        |                       |        |              |     |                                       |       |      |        |       |       |                                    |       |

## Learning Expectation

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| <b>Language of Medium</b> | English is the medium of instruction for HKUST   |
| <b>Student Activities</b> | Counseling & Wellness Center; Over 100 student societies affiliated to the Students' Union   |
| <b>Class Format</b>       | Lectures, computer simulations, case discussions, individual and group projects.   |
| <b>Grading System</b>     | 4.3 grading scale, letter graded, with grade D as marginal pass.   |
| <b>Course Requirement</b> | Exchange students can select SHSS courses as long as they meet the prerequisite requirements and are subject to space availabilities. Some courses may require professor approval for enrollment.  |
| <b>Attendance</b>         | Class participation is mandatory and part of the student's final grade in most courses. Select your courses carefully and enroll only if you can commit.   |
| <b>Examinations</b>       | Format of exams varies. Final exams are within the last 2 weeks of school. Students are responsible to stay in HK until the last day of finals. Requests for early leave of exams are normally not considered.   |
| <b>Course Info</b>        | <p>Undergraduate (UG) / Postgraduate (PG) course offering varies by term. Below past year course is for reference purpose only:</p> <p>Social Science Courses:<br/>           UG <a href="https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/ugcourse/2023-24/SOSC">https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/ugcourse/2023-24/SOSC</a><br/>           PG <a href="https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgcourse/2022-23/SOSC">https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgcourse/2022-23/SOSC</a><br/>           Humanities Courses:<br/>           UG <a href="https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/ugcourse/2023-24/HUMA">https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/ugcourse/2023-24/HUMA</a><br/>           PG <a href="https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgcourse/2022-23/HUMA">https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgcourse/2022-23/HUMA</a><br/>           Language Courses:<br/>           UG / PG <a href="https://cle.hkust.edu.hk/courses">https://cle.hkust.edu.hk/courses</a></p> <p>Students are strongly recommended to take Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Courses during exchange period, enrollment to courses outside SHSS (forexample, business course) is not available.</p> |

## Contact Info

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| <b>UG Exchange</b>        | <a href="mailto:exchange@ust.hk">exchange@ust.hk</a>     |
| <b>PG Exchange</b>        | <a href="mailto:pgexchange@ust.hk">pgexchange@ust.hk</a> |
| <b>Exchange Agreement</b> | <a href="mailto:deniselaw@ust.hk">deniselaw@ust.hk</a>   |



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