



Hong Kong Baptist University Exchange Program Overview

Topic	Details
Name	Hong Kong Baptist University
Address	Hong Kong
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: September to December Spring Semester: January to May
Welcome Orientation (Mandatory)	Fall Semester: Late August Spring Semester: Early January
Course Load	The minimum study load for a full-time student at HKBU is 12 credits per semester. This is also to satisfy the immigration laws of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR. Maximum study load per semester: 18 credits.
Course Offering & Course Registration	<u>Undergraduate Exchange</u> Students can freely choose and enroll in any courses across disciplines (provided that the prerequisite requirements, if any, are met and subject to course availability.) The course pre-registration exercise will be scheduled around mid-July for the Fall semester and mid-November for the Spring semester. Visit the latest Course List . <u>Postgraduate Exchange</u> Limited courses offered by the School of Business only - subject to the prerequisite requirements, if any, and course availability. The course list will be sent to students while applying.
Course Available	Please click here .
Transcript of Record	Official transcripts in electronic format are generally available about 2 months after the final exams. Students will receive a notification email when the transcripts are available.
Arrival Information	Students have to make their own way to HKBU. Please refer to the Travel Guide for reference.
Insurance	All incoming exchange students are required to obtain adequate insurance before arriving in Hong Kong. Please refer to here for more information.

Accommodation	<u>Undergraduate Exchange</u> Students may choose to stay in the Undergraduate Halls or Village CARE on campus. All rooms are double-occupancy and on a first-come-first-served basis. Hall management reserves the right to make the final decision regarding hall assignments. Application details will be sent around mid-July for the Fall semester and mid-November for the Spring semester. <u>Postgraduate Exchange</u> Students may be housed in the Dr. Ng Tor Tai International House (NTT) on campus. Application details will be announced to admitted students. Apart from on campus housing, students may choose to live off-campus. For off-campus options, please visit the Off-campus Accommodation Alternatives Section on the Office of Student Affairs webpage and visit Accommodation for more information.																
Student Visa Application	All students must apply for a student visa/permit in order to study in Hong Kong. HKBU International Office will coordinate with the Hong Kong Immigration Department (IMMD) in Hong Kong on the students' behalf. Please note that students do not need to arrange their visas at their local Chinese embassy/consulate. It normally takes the IMMD 8 weeks to process a visa application. Once available, HKBU International Office will collect the student visa and send it to the student. Students will be required to pay HKBU for the visa fee after arriving in Hong Kong.																
Buddies Scheme	Exchange students are paired with Buddy volunteers who share their knowledge of HKBU and Hong Kong, helping newcomers settle in during their first month. In return, the buddies learn about the students' culture and country. This scheme creates a meaningful platform for lifelong friendships and deeper cultural understanding.																
Fees & Payment	Tuition Fees is waived but all students are required to pay an administrative fee of HK\$1,800* to cover costs such as visa application fee and some academic & orientation services.																
Living Expenses	Below is the estimated monthly expenses (excluding tuition) that might serve as a general guideline: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Expense Category</th><th>Estimated Monthly Cost (HK\$)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Housing (Student Hostel)</td><td>3,200 – 4,800</td></tr> <tr> <td>Air-conditioning and Utilities</td><td>500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Meals</td><td>5,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Entertainment</td><td>1,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Transportation</td><td>800</td></tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td><td>1,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>11,500 – 13,100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> *Note: These figures are approximate and can vary based on individual circumstances and location. *The estimated expenses provided are for reference purposes only and are subject to change. #The price range includes various room types. ^Air conditioning expense is not included in the accommodation fee; the estimate is calculated on a 24-hour usage for a whole month and on a 50:50 share arrangement	Expense Category	Estimated Monthly Cost (HK\$)	Housing (Student Hostel)	3,200 – 4,800	Air-conditioning and Utilities	500	Meals	5,000	Entertainment	1,000	Transportation	800	Miscellaneous	1,000	Total	11,500 – 13,100
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