



Hong Kong Shue Yan University

International Unit

Study Abroad Scheme

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Factsheet for Inbound Exchange Students

About the University

General	<p>Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSYU) is the first private university in Hong Kong. Based on its pedagogical philosophy on Chinese traditional culture and virtues, it offers liberal arts education with a focus on professional and vocationally-oriented training. It has currently over 4,000 students.</p> <p>The main campus of HKSYU is located at Braemar Hill, North Point, comprising the Main Academic Building, the Library Complex, the Student Residential and Amenities Complex, and the Research Complex.</p> <p>For more details, please visit the University Admission website https://uao.hksyu.edu/en/home</p>
History	<p>HKSYU was founded in 1971 by Dr. Henry H.L. Hu and Dr. Chung Chi Yung as Shue Yan College in response to their concern on the acute shortage of tertiary places for local secondary school leavers aspiring for university education. Attained the current university title in 2006, HKSYU stands to be the first private university in Hong Kong.</p>
Faculties and Departments	<p>There are 12 departments under the Faculties of Arts, Commerce and Social Sciences in HKSYU: Chinese Language and Literature, English Language and Literature, History, Journalism and Communication, Accounting, Business Administration, Economics and Finance, Law and Business, Counselling and Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Applied Data Science.</p> <p>https://www.hksyu.edu/en/academic/faculties-departments/</p>
Student Support Services	<p>Students may seek academic support from their respective programme instructors. Office of Student Affairs (OSA) provides non-academic support for students such as counselling service, sports and recreational activities. https://www.hksyu.edu/osa/</p>

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Semester I

Application Deadline for Exchange	End of April
Suggested Arrival Date	Last week of August
Term Dates	Beginning of September to end of December
Examination Period	Mid to second last week of December
Term Break	End of December 2021 to second week of January

Semester II

Application Deadline for Exchange	End of October
Suggested Arrival Date	First week of January
Term Dates	Second week of January to mid-May
Examination Periods	First two weeks of May
Second Semester End Date	Mid-May

Academic Information and Admission Requirement

Programmes and Courses	<p>HKSYU currently offers the following 16 locally accredited undergraduate programmes:</p> <p>Faculty of Commerce</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Accounting2. Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)3. Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Human Resources Management - Applied Psychology4. Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Digital Marketing5. Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Corporate Governance and Risk Management6. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics and Finance7. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Financial Technology8. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Law and Business <p>Faculty of Arts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Chinese Language and Literature10. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English11. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History12. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Journalism and Mass Communication <p>Faculty of Social Sciences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Counselling and Psychology14. Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology15. Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)16. Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Sociology <p>For details of the programmes, please visit https://www.hksyu.edu/en/academic/undergraduate/year-1/</p>
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Admission Requirement	<p>Preferably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English language: Overall band score of 6 with no band lower than 5.5 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic: Cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above <p>The home university may recommend a student who does not fully meet the language requirement but has the capability to complete her/ his study at HKSYU. The final decision to admit the student is determined by HKSYU.</p>
Course/Unit Load per Semester	Under normal circumstances, exchange students may enroll into 4 courses or 12 credits (3 credits per course) per 15-week semester. Registration with less than 12 credits will be allowed with prior approval.
Number of Hours per Week per Course	3 contact hours per week for each 3-credit course
Number of Weeks of Study	15 weeks per semester and 2 weeks of examinations at the end of each semester
Available Courses for Registration	<p>The majority of exchange students will choose courses at 1st to 3rd year levels. Course selection is subject to prior approval of the respective Department, especially for the subject that may be considered as too difficult to the student or requires prerequisites.</p> <p>The International Unit will assist all exchange students in course selection and registration before their arrival, and the change of course registration after the commencement of the semester.</p>
Course List	<p>http://iu.hksyu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CourseListForExchangeStudents2020-21.pdf</p> <p>These are the courses available for exchange students. Please note that they may be offered in different semesters.</p>
Course Registration Date	HKSYU International Unit will assist exchange students in course selection and registration before their arrival.
Transcripts	Transcript(s) will be issued and sent to home university, normally within one month after the Board of Examiners has approved the results.

Accommodation

On-campus Accommodation	<p>Yes (normally twin shared room)</p> <p>The campus of HKSYU consists of the Residential and Amenities Complex, Research Complex, where provide hall of residence for students. Accommodation will be provided for each exchange student. The undergraduate residence is gender segregated by floor and is designed in dormitory style, which the residents live on the same floor share communal facilities. (https://www4.hksyu.edu/hmu/)</p>
Off-campus Accommodation	<p>No</p>
On-campus Accommodation Fee (2020/21 academic year)	<p>HKD1,600/month per person for triple room HKD1,900/month per person for twin room</p>
Meal Plan (if available)	<p>Students are responsible for their own cost of living including meals. They may purchase their own meals from the canteen located on the 1/F of the hall of residence. In addition, a Pacific Coffee café is located on the 1/F of the Low Block of Research Complex.</p>
Are On-campus Rooms Available upon Arrival?	<p>Yes</p>
Other Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Residence may access the Internet in her/his room through the connection of her/his own computer to the LAN port with appropriate LAN card and cable (CAT5). ● Each room is air-conditioned, and furnished with basic necessity such as desks, chairs, bookshelves, beds (no bedding), and wardrobes. ● Common facilities include showers, common rooms with TVs, pantries, microwaves, Smartcard-operated washing machines and dryers, fitness room, and indoor sports court. ● Students are responsible for their own cost of living including meals and air-conditioning.

Visa Requirement, Process, and Fee

All non-local students are required to apply for a student visa once the exchange application is accepted by HKSYU, which can be arranged through their local sponsor (HKSYU), with the necessary supporting documents. It will normally take six weeks to process a visa application upon receipt of all the required documents. Exchange students are advised to apply as far in advance as possible.

The current student visa application fee paid to the Hong Kong Immigration Department is HK\$230. HKSYU will collect the student visa application fee from exchange students upon their arrival at HKSYU.

Normally, the Immigration Department in Hong Kong requires the following documents, though they may ask for other additional information:

- Form ID995A (<http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995a.html>) completed and signed
- Form ID995B (<http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995b.html>) completed and signed by sponsor (which can normally be arranged by your university)
- Photocopy of the student's identity card and/or travel documents
- One recent photo of the student (affixed on form ID995A)
- A photocopy of the student's letter of admission from HKSYU, as well as her/his letter accepting the admission
- Evidence of the student's financial standing (bank statements, passbooks, proof of scholarship funds, etc.). If someone is sponsoring the student financially, that person must submit a declaration stating her/his relationship to the student, her/his intention to support the student's study and living expenses and her/his financial standing
- Evidence of the student's accommodation arrangement in Hong Kong e.g. an undertaking that the sponsor is prepared to provide accommodation to the applicant

Chinese residents of the Mainland should submit their applications to the Immigration Department through HKSYU (the sponsor) granting the acceptance. Other non-local students can submit their application forms and supporting documents in one of the following ways:

- By post directly or through the local sponsor in the HKSAR to the Receipt and Despatch Sub-Unit, Hong Kong Immigration Department, 2/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong;
- Applicants residing in overseas countries or territories may submit their applications in person to the nearest Chinese diplomatic and consular mission in their place of domicile; or
- Foreign passport holders living in the Mainland China may submit their applications to the

Immigration Division of the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing.

If a student takes up study in a full-time locally-accredited local or non-local post-secondary programme, s/he will normally be granted a length of stay in line with the normal duration of her/his study programme, subject to a maximum period of six years upon entry and the validity of the travel document held. For student studying other courses, s/he will normally be granted permission of stay for 12 months upon entry or in accordance with the duration of her/his study, whichever is shorter.

A student will be removed for having overstayed, it is necessary for student to renew her/his visa within four weeks before her/his old one expires.

Mandatory Health / Medical Insurance

Non-local students are required to have suitable and adequate insurance for the entire period of their study at HKSYU. The insurance should cover, but is not limited to, travel, personal accidents, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalization and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Exchange students will be required to provide proof of adequate health insurance coverage before their arrival.

Living in Hong Kong

Climate	<p>Hong Kong's climate is sub-tropical, tending towards temperate for nearly half the year. There are four seasons all the year around: cold and dry winter, unstable and wet spring, hot and humid summer, and warm and pleasant autumn. The rainy season in Hong Kong is from May to September. Typhoons usually occur during the summer.</p> <p>During November and December, there are pleasant breezes, plenty of sunshine and comfortable temperatures. January and February are relatively cloudier, with occasional cold fronts followed by dry northerly winds. The temperatures may occasionally drop below 10°C in urban areas.</p>
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Food / Meals, Leisure, Transportation, and Personal Items	<p>Exchange student should allow for HKD3,000 to HKD5,000 (USD390 to USD650) per month for living costs other than accommodation. Please note that the estimation is a point of reference for preparation purposes only.</p>
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	<p>Majority of exchange students do not have a bank account in Hong Kong. Therefore, before an exchange student comes to Hong Kong, s/he may consider to carry travellers cheque or your local currency to exchange local cash at the airport or other foreign exchange providers. Besides, it is advisable to prepare HKD10,000 (USD1,200) – HKD20,000 (USD2,500) in cash for her/his first two months living cost in Hong Kong, including cost on accommodation, textbooks or other additional necessities.</p> <p>Under normal circumstances, exchange students will not open a local bank account in Hong Kong just for the exchange period, especially for those coming for exchange for one semester only. If an exchange student really wishes to have a bank account to be opened in Hong Kong, s/he will be requested by the bank to have at least HKD5,000 (USD650) to be deposited in the account throughout the whole exchange period. Having said that, only a small number of local banks will provide such service to exchange students.</p>
<p>Academic Expenses (e.g. books)</p>	<p>Range from HKD500 (USD60) to HKD1,500 (USD190)/course per semester</p>