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Inbound Exchange Programme Factsheet (2026-27)

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General Information		
Academic calendar	Semester A (1st semester):	Semester B (2nd semester):
Teaching (13 teaching weeks)	31 Aug – 28 Nov 2026	11 Jan – 17 Apr 2027
Revision period	30 Nov – 5 Dec 2026	19 Apr – 24 Apr 2027
Examination period	7 Dec – 19 Dec 2026	26 Apr – 10 May 2027
Semester break	21 Dec 2026 – 9 Jan 2027	11 May – 5 Jun 2027
Academic calendar and Important dates	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro/impd/acad_nxyr_2627.htm https://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro/impd/impd_year.htm	
Data protection	CityUHK undertakes to observe the spirit and comply with the principles and requirements of the data protection regulations such as the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance of Hong Kong and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union.	

Exchange-related Information		
Nomination period	Semester A (September Entry): 30 March – 1 May 2026	Semester B (January Entry): 1 Sep – 1 Oct 2026
Application period	Semester A (September Entry): 8 Apr – 15 May 2026	Semester B (January Entry): 1 Sep – 15 Oct 2026

Website for exchange-related information	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/en/geo/global-opportunities/student-exchange/inbound-student-exchange
Nomination Procedure	Partner institutions will use our one-stop nomination system to nominate their institutional-level students for our Student Exchange Programme. They will receive auto-emails from system prior to the start of each nomination cycle (i.e., March for Semester A intake; August for Semester B intake) with information and instructions on exchange nomination. **A new set of nomination link and login password will be generated for each partner institution for each nomination cycle.**
Application Procedure	After we have reviewed the nominations, students will receive emails confirming their nomination, the link to our application system and instructions on what to do next.
Application checklist	The following supporting documents should be provided at the time of application (online uploading): • Official academic transcript • Proof of English proficiency • Course outline of your home institution (if necessary) ***Notes for Exchange Applicants*** You must select **at least 6 courses** in order to submit your application. As some courses are highly competitive, you may not be able to enrol in all of your preferred choices. Please allow flexibility in your study plan at CityUHK. For courses with pre-requisites, you are strongly advised to upload a list of the courses you are currently taking at your home university, together with the relevant course syllabuses, for assessment. This will help streamline the review process and reduce the need for follow-up correspondence. Please note that course places may fill up quickly. If you are required to complete major modules during your exchange at CityUHK, you should prioritise and select **at least 50%** of your intended courses from your target academic department. These courses should be placed at the top of your course list. Even if you are not pre-assigned to these courses at the time of admission, you may still have the opportunity to enrol should places become available.

Minimum academic requirements	Students must have completed at least **one year of study** at their home university in order to participate in the exchange programme at CityUHK. Applicants are also expected to be in **good academic standing** at their home institution. **Minimum language requirement:** • TOEFL score of 79 or above (internet-based test, iBT); or • IELTS score of 6.5 or above; or • Band 6 in Chinese Mainland's College English Test (total score ≥ 450) • Hold an equivalent English qualification listed; or • English is the medium of instruction at your institution • Note: TOEFL scores from a single test date, **not** MyBest scores, are accepted. TOEFL and IELTS online/home edition test results, as well as IELTS One Skill Retake, are not accepted. **For students applying for law courses, they must meet the School of Law's minimum CGPA requirement of 3.0 out of 4.3 scale; and minimum English requirement of TOEFL 100 (internet-based scores from a single test date, not MyBest scores) / IELTS 7. The TOEFL and IELTS scores should be valid for 3 years from the test date.*
Can students extend their exchange study?	It will be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to approval of the home and host institutions. Application for re-admission must be raised **before 15 May for Semester A** enrolment and **15 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	• Various student groups at CityUHK (apply for associate membership) • Peer support from International Friends Club (IFC) • Cultural integration activities and videos by CityUHK & Me • Access to campus facilities including the library, sports facilities and clinics etc. *Note: Fees will be charged for some of the activities and services.*

Course-related Information (for exchange students)	
Course information	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/admissions/exchange-students To view the course list, please scroll down to Application Procedures > Submit Your Application > Select Courses for Your Study Plan.
Course schedule	During the course add/drop period, students can add courses, subject to approval, by logging onto their student account via https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login
Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)	Some courses do not accept exchange students. For pre-requisite(s)-required courses, students must have taken courses considered equivalent to the pre-requisite. See Notes for Exchange Applicants above.

Medium of instruction and assessment	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 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. A credit unit is earned by approximately 40 to 50 hours of student work.
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?	Yes, subject to approval by the course-offering department. Nonetheless, students will be required to take at least 50% of the credits from the same department into which they are accepted at CityUHK.
Level of courses	Exchange students are normally allowed to take courses at the undergraduate level only (course level: B1-B4) unless approved otherwise.
Official transcripts	CityUHK transcripts show letter grades only. Description of the grading system is at https://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro/asmt/cgrd_main.htm. CityUHK will mail two copies of the official transcript directly to the partner institution's international office, approximately 6 weeks after the end of the examination period. Partner institution may inform us in advance if only e-copy is required.

Accommodation	
Is university-managed accommodation available for exchange students?	Exchange students may apply for university-managed accommodation but it is NOT guaranteed due to limited spaces. Allocation will be made by a random ballot. Students should apply on or before the deadline. If the application is successful, exchange students will stay in Ma On Shan Compound during the exchange period. https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/AboutStudentResidence/MOS/overview.htm
Off-campus accommodation	Exchange students may choose to stay in commercially operated accommodation recommended by CityUHK, or rent their own flat on the market. The rental for off-campus accommodations varies, depending on the size, location, age of the building, etc. https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm

Visa Requirements	
Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa? For Visa Enquiry: contact student visa team at admovisa@cityu.edu.hk	Yes, please find more details at http://www.immd.gov.hk and http://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/non-local-students/visa/student-visa. Students are encouraged to apply student visa via CityUHK. CityUHK may act as the local sponsor of exchange students who are accepted for admission and meet Hong Kong visa application requirements. An administrative fee of HK$600 will be charged (non-refundable and non-transferable). As the student visa/entry permit application processing may take 8 weeks or even longer, **students should file their applications as soon as they receive their letter of acceptance.**
Are exchange students allowed to work?	No, exchange students are not allowed to work, whether paid or unpaid.

Arrival / Orientation Programme		
Suggested arrival dates	Semester A: 24 Aug – 28 Aug 2026	Semester B: 4 – 8 Jan 2027
Is airport pick-up service available?	Details shall be announced towards the start of the programme.	
Orientation programme	Semester A: 24 Aug – 28 Aug 2026 It normally starts one week before the semester commences.	Semester B: 4 – 8 Jan 2027 It normally starts one week before the semester commences.
Cost of orientation programme *(if any)*	Most of the activities are free of charge unless specified otherwise.	

Health and Insurance	
Are exchange students required to purchase insurance?	Yes, it is **mandatory** for exchange students to have insurance. **Students must purchase insurance for themselves before they come to Hong Kong. The insurance should include, but not limited to, medical (both physical and mental) and travel insurance that will cover the entire period of their study in Hong Kong.** If exchange students wish to have additional insurance coverage, they may enrol in the insurance plan for non-local students at CityUHK at: https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/non-local-students/insurance
On-campus clinic	Exchange students are allowed to use the on-campus clinic with a fee. The cost for regular medical consultations is HK$150, while emergency consultations will incur a fee of HK$200. Dental services (only applicable for the emergency services) will cost HK$200 per 20-minute unit.
On-campus counselling service	Exchange students encountering adjustment difficulties during their exchange period may seek support by making an appointment with a professional counsellor at CityUHK. Counselling services are offered free of charge.
Support for students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	CityUHK is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students. If your student(s) or you are a student with SEN may require support during exchange, please inform Global Engagement Office at geoins@cityu.edu.hk in advance. For more details: https://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro/sens/sens_main.htm

Estimated Expenses in Local Currency *(The estimated costs are for reference only. Actual expenses may vary from person to person.)*	
University-managed accommodation	Charging rates for Student Residence (per semester per person)
	Hall lodging fee in 2026-27 for one-semester exchange students per person is: • HK$ 12,500 /semester for double room • HK$ 25,000 /semester for single occupancy of a double room <u>Notes:</u> 1. Student residence is NOT guaranteed. Exchange students should be prepared to arrange their own off-campus accommodation, if necessary. 2. Single occupancy of a double room is limited. Students with special needs or medical conditions may submit a request with proof(s) for the University's consideration, but approval is not guaranteed. 3. The charging rates are subject to annual review and revision. 4. Upon announcement of residence application results, students will be required to pay the residence fee in full to confirm the reservation. 5. The student residence does not provide meal plans.
Off-campus accommodation	Shared private flat / serviced apartment: ~HK$25,000 to HK$30,000 per semester (with utility and internet charges excluded)
Living costs (meals, transport, laundry, and education expenses for books, stationery, etc.)	~HK$25,000 – HK$30,000 per semester To learn more about the cost of living, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/5f4rfaec

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