

HKUST School of Science Exchange Program 2025-26

Information Sheet



University Information	
University name	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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University website	http://hkust.edu.hk
School of Science website	http://science.hkust.edu.hk
Exchange Program website	http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange
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Application Information	
Nomination Deadline	Fall Term: 15 March 2025 Spring Term: 15 September 2025
Application Deadline	Fall Term: 31 March 2025 Spring Term: 30 September 2025 Summer Term: Please refer to the HKUST International Summer Exchange Program website .
Duration of Exchange	1 Term or 1 Academic Year
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An undergraduate student from our partner institutions • A postgraduate student from our partner institutions (You are advised to consult the Exchange Program Office of your home institutions and take note of the course restrictions before submitting your application) • Proficient in English, as our courses are mainly conducted in English
Application Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you are eligible and interested to join our Exchange Program, please approach the Exchange Program Office of your home institution and seek for nomination. 2. Once your home institution nominates you to us, you will be given the access right to our online system to create student profile and submit your application with the following supporting documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcript (with English translation if necessary) • Photocopy of the photo page of national passport 3. Offer letter and admission package will be available on the online system 3 to 4 weeks after the deadline of application if student application is successfully accepted by us. <p>Application details can be found at http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange/incoming/application-procedures</p>

Academic Information	
Academic Year (Tentative)	Fall Term: 1 September – 19 December 2025 (Arrival date: Late August) Spring Term: 2 February – 29 May 2026 (Arrival date: Late January) Summer Term: Mid-June – Mid-August
Language of Instruction	English
Credit Requirement	12 -18 credits (normal credit load is 15 credits each term) Most courses at HKUST are 3 or 4 credits and 1 credit generally represents 40-50 learning hours.
Class Enrollment	Class enrollment will be done online in August for Fall Term and January for Spring Term respectively.
Course Catalog	http://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/
Courses Offered	Please be flexible in designing your study plan as not all courses stated in the Course Catalog are offered every Term. Confirmed courses and class schedules for the forthcoming term are normally finalized until late July for Fall Term and late December for Spring Term respectively. To check courses offered over the past Terms, please visit the Class Schedule & Quota Website .
Course Restriction	<p>Science Courses</p> <p>Science Exchange students will generally have priority in taking the following courses offered by the School of Science, subject to the course pre-requisites, class quota and approval of the course instructors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry (CHEM) • Life Science (LIFS) • Mathematics (MATH) • Ocean Science (OCES) • Physics (PHYS) • Data Analytics in Science (DASC) <p>Courses offered by other Schools</p> <p>Science Exchange students are allowed to take courses offered by other Schools, but this is subject to the course pre-requisite requirements, class quota and approval of the course instructors.</p>
Course Levels	Science exchange students are allowed to take postgraduate courses (i.e. course codes beginning with the digit ‘5’ or above) subject to the course pre-requisites, class quota and approval of the course instructors. Postgraduate courses for exchange students are limited since most are under the self-financed programs which are not open to exchange students.
Transcripts	Upon program completion, HKUST will produce transcripts in electronic format detailing the courses taken and the grades obtained. The transcripts will be sent to students and the home institution. For details, please refer to https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/transcript-grading .

General Information		
Cost of Living	Major expenses per term	HKD\$
	UG exchange fee to be paid to HKUST (subject to revision) (covering University housing fee [^] , student visa application & handling fee [#] , and HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee)	16,000
	Estimated living cost (including transportation, meals, course materials and daily supplies)	~25,000
[^] not applicable to students choose not to live in University accommodation [#] not applicable to students who do not require a student visa to study in Hong Kong		
Visa	<p>Students who do not have the right of abode or right to land and wish to study in Hong Kong are requires to obtain a valid student visa/ entry permit before coming to Hong Kong. Exchange students are NOT allowed to take up employment, whether paid or unpaid, during the studies in Hong Kong.</p> <p>HKUST Office of Global Learning will assist all exchange students in applying for Student Visa. The visa application procedures will be found in the admission package when you are successfully admitted to the Exchange Program. Application usually takes about 8 to 10 weeks after all documents are received. More information can be found at the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (http://www.immd.gov.hk).</p>	
Compulsory Insurance	<p>Students are required to subscribe to HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan that covers the duration of your study. The insurance fee is included in the UG exchange fee. Students who fail to comply with the insurance requirements will not be able to officially register[^] at HKUST. Detailed coverage can be found at https://sfao.hkust.edu.hk/individual.php?l=24.</p>	
On-Campus Health Services	<p>All registered students at HKUST are entitled to have complimentary medical consultation and medication at the on-campus clinic. However, please note that HKUST's health care service does not cover hospitalization.</p>	
Accommodation	<p>Undergraduate exchange students are provided with university housing available on and off-campus. To be eligible, you must indicate your intention to live on-campus on the HKUST application form. There are 9 on-campus halls and 1 off-campus hall for undergraduate students. Exchange students can choose between on-campus and off-campus accommodation and will be randomly assigned to a double room in one of these HKUST student halls. Students are not allowed to choose a specific hall or their roommates. You can find information about the student halls at Student Housing and Residential Life Office website.</p>	
Orientation	<p>A series of orientation activities for exchange students, such as cultural tours, workshops, etc., will be arranged by the Office of Global Learning. The School of Science will also hold an academic induction session exclusively for science exchange students.</p>	