

HKUST SCHOOL OF SCIENCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



ABOUT HONG KONG

Experience the vibrant city of Hong Kong, where **East meets West** and cultures blend together for an exciting cosmopolitan lifestyle.

Discover a **gateway to Mainland China and Asia**, where you can explore diverse cultures, traditions, and ideas.

Indulge in a **world-class international center for business, shopping, and a food paradise**, where you can savor the flavors of Asia and beyond.



Breathtaking hiking trails!



Discover Hong Kong's natural beauty, with almost three-quarters of the land being countryside, including **24 country parks** covered by a **criss-crossing network of dedicated hiking trails**. Explore beaches, rocky coastlines, dense woodland, and rolling mountains while enjoying open running only a short distance from the city center.

* *Scenic campus!*

HKUST 

- Immerse yourself in a dynamic, **international research university** that fosters innovation, creativity, and academic excellence.
- Join a top-tier university in Asia, **ranked 40th** among the world's best universities **by the prestigious QS World University Rankings in 2023**
- Choose from a unique blend of education and research programs in **science, engineering, business, humanities, and social sciences**, where you can tailor your academic journey to match your interests and goals.
- Join a vibrant community of **over 17,000 students**, spanning from more than **80 countries over five continents**, for a diverse and engaging learning experience.
- Explore a stunning campus occupying a **60-hectare (150-acre) site overlooking Clear Water Bay in East Kowloon**, where you can study, relax, and connect with nature in one of the world's most beautiful settings.



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Academic Units & Undergraduate Programs

Division of Life Science <https://life-sci.hkust.edu.hk>

- Biochemistry & Cell Biology
- Biological Science
- Biotechnology

Department of Chemistry <https://chem.hkust.edu.hk>

- Chemistry

Department of Mathematics <https://www.math.hkust.edu.hk>

- Mathematics

Department of Physics

- Physics <https://physics.ust.hk>
- Data Analytics in Science <https://dasc.hkust.edu.hk/>

Department of Ocean Science <https://oces.ust.hk>

- Ocean Science and Technology

Joint-School Programs

- Mathematics & Economics <https://maec.hkust.edu.hk>
- Biotechnology & Business <https://bibu.hkust.edu.hk>
- Data Science & Technology <https://dsct.hkust.edu.hk>

ACADEMIC DETAILS



Academic Year

Fall Term September - December
Spring Term February - May
Summer Term mid-June - mid-August

- **English** as medium of instructions
- **Credit-based curricula**, with 1 credit unit representing 40-50 hours of student work
- Exchange students free to take **courses across schools & levels** (subject to pre-requisites, instructors' approval, etc)





STUDENT SUPPORT

- Enjoy **guaranteed accommodation provided by HKUST**, ensuring a hassle-free and comfortable living experience.
- Take advantage of **on-campus facilities for daily necessities and leisure**, including state-of-the-art fitness centers, sports facilities, libraries, and dining options.
- **Join a series of orientation activities** before the term starts, where you can meet new friends, explore the campus, and get a head start on your academic journey.
- Benefit from the **Office of Global Learning**, which provides **exclusive support for international and exchange students**, including visa applications and cultural adjustment assistance.
- Engage in a wide range of student supports and activities offered by the **Dean of Students' Office**, including **counseling, volunteering services, and various clubs and organizations that cater to diverse interests and passions.**



HOW TO APPLY

Interested students from our partner institutions can approach the study abroad office (or equivalent) of their home institutions to seek advice and further information.

Visit our website for application form & procedures:
<http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange/incoming/application-procedures>



Application Deadlines:

Fall Term (Sept - Dec)/
Whole Year (Sept - May)

31 March

Spring Term (Feb - May)

30 September

Summer Program

(Check update at <https://isp.hkust.edu.hk>)



COST OF LIVING

Major expenses for a term exchange (as of Fall 2025):

Item	Estimated Cost (HKD)
UG exchange fee (covering the university housing, student visa* & HKUST compulsory travel insurance)	16,000
Food/Meals	15,500
Books & supplies	1,500
Transportation & other personal expenses	8,000
Total 40,100 (around USD5,140)	

* Not applicable to students who do not require a student visa to study in Hong Kong

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<http://www.ust.hk>

HKUST Study Abroad

<http://studyabroad.ust.hk>

School of Science

<http://science.ust.hk>

Science Exchange Programs

<http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange>

HKUST Program & Course Catalog

<http://prog-crs.ust.hk>

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