



Degree Programmes

Study Placement in Hong Kong is available to Aston students in all Schools.
Number of places available: 5

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

Chinese University of Hong
Kong (CUHK)
Office of Academic Links
Lady Ho Tung Hall
Shatin
New Territories
HONG KONG SAR



[Main university website](#)

Office of [Academic Links](#) (information for incoming exchange students)

CUHK is one of the top universities in China and has a well-established exchange programme. It is situated in a spacious campus in parkland in Shatin on the mainland. It has its origin in three colleges, which amalgamated in 1963. A fourth, Shaw College was added in 1986. It is the only university in Hong Kong with a college system. The colleges are responsible for informal education and for academic and cultural activities for students. Offering an inspiring and ever-changing view of Tolo Harbour and the hills beyond, the spacious 134-hectare campus is Hong Kong's largest university campus.

Currently, it has a total of 61 departments and 22 research institutes, with approximately 21,000 students undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

What it is like to study at CUHK

“I was so proud that I can exchange to CUHK last academic year. Hong Kong is a modern city with lots of people from different countries with different cultures. CUHK has perfect international system. It gives international students almost all helps we need.” - Jiaming Yuan, International Business And Management

Check out this [video](#) about studying at CUHK

Location

Time zone: GMT: + 8 hours
International country code: +852

Hong Kong is an autonomous region of China and is a thriving commercial centre. It consists of Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula, the New Territories and more than 260 outlying islands. Most of the almost 7 million inhabitants live on Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula and in various new towns.



Semester/key dates

Autumn semester: September – December
Spring Semester: January – end of May

Suggested Arrival Date: Late August
Orientation: Late August

Academic Calendar

Courses Available

Aston students will study for one or two semesters in English, and follow courses offered by the Undergraduate Programme.

At no extra cost, exchange students can take elementary, immediate and advance levels of Cantonese and Putonghua courses offered by the Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) and credits may be awarded for these. **Students may also take some of the courses offered by the International Asian Studies Programme, but these must first be approved by your School.**

For information on courses offered by the International Asian Studies Programme, see the [website](#).

Workload: 15 CUHK credits per semester (normally 5 modules)

Living in Hong Kong:

- **Accommodation:**

All undergraduate exchange students will be assigned to on-campus accommodation owned and managed by CUHK. Accommodation facility consists of double or triple shared rooms, which will be shared with local students. The residences form part of the four colleges which make up CUHK, and international students, who do not belong to a particular college, are assigned to any of the colleges if they choose hostel accommodation. For students who want to live off campus, private accommodation in Hong Kong is very expensive and short-term leases are also difficult to secure. Please see this [website](#).

- **Living Expenses:**

<u>Approximate budget:</u>	<u>(10/2014: £1~ HK\$12.48)</u>
▪ Hostel fees (per year)	HK \$9,994 – HK \$29,158
▪ Meals on campus (per year)	HK \$21,600
▪ Bus fare from CUHK to Kowloon	HK \$6.00 – HK \$25.00
▪ Personal expenses (books, transport)	HK \$13,500
▪ Octopus Card	HK \$15,000,
a week on trains approximately	HK \$50
▪ Using local SIM card calls per min	HK \$0.25
▪ Student visa application fee	HK \$430-960

- **Fees paid before arrival**

Bedding	HK\$ 340
Visa	HK\$ 500
Administration	HK\$ 800 - HK\$1050

- **Fees paid after arrival**

Caution money	HK\$ 450 refundable after the exchange period
Hostel deposit	HK\$ 450
Hostel fee	HK\$ 4,130- HK\$ 5,300 per term

See this [website](#) for more information.

- **Health and Safety Service**

The University Health Service (UHS) provides free primary care facilities and clinical services to all local and exchange students. Basic medication is free of charge.

You should arrange adequate accident and sickness insurance with provision for emergency evacuation and repatriation for the duration of their studies in Hong Kong. If you wish to travel outside Hong Kong, you should make sure your insurance policy covers these regions as well.

Next steps if you are successful

You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team

1. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
2. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online:
Using their application form which can be downloaded from the website from CUHK. You will need to send this, together with the supporting documents requested (two academic recommendations, a copy of your academic transcript and a copy of our passport) to the Office of Academic Links at CUHK. You will also need to send an application record sheet, which has to be signed by the International Placement Coordinator at Aston. Non-native English speakers will also have to submit a copy of their TOEFL score.
3. Read the Study Plan available on Blackboard from June
4. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

You should receive an offer of admission from CUHK within about 6-7 weeks of your application. This will tell you the date on which your course begins, and let you know what further information you should receive from CUHK, both by post and email, and what further information you need to supply.

You will receive further information before you arrive about your student visa, orientation, accommodation, insurance as well as information about what you will study at CUHK.

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Chinese University of Hong Kong University, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in China.

You must apply for your student visa through OAL before going to Hong Kong. Students with a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card do not require a student visa. Please see [website](#) for further information.

It normally takes the Hong Kong Immigration Department between 4 – 6 weeks to process a visa, so you are advised to submit your visa application to OAL at least two months before the start of the orientation course. Please note there will be an application fee for the issue of the visa (see “Living Costs” above), and you will also be required to provide proof of your financial status and that you have adequate funds to support you while you are in Hong Kong.

Visa applications may require additional medical check (e.g. x-rays scans)

Student Comments:

“CUHK may appear slower at sorting this than other Universities, but once started they are very efficient and able to answer any questions with a high standard of English”

“It takes longer than you expect to collect all these forms!”

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