

City University of Hong Kong

CityU Factsheet on Student Exchange Programme, Academic Year 2020-2021

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<i>General Information</i>		
Academic calendar	Semester A (1 st semester):	Semester B (2 nd semester):
Teaching (13 teaching weeks)	31 Aug – 28 Nov 2020	11 Jan – 24 Apr 2021
Revision period	30 Nov – 5 Dec 2020	26 Apr – 1 May 2021
Examinations	7 Dec – 19 Dec 2020	3 May – 15 May 2021
Semester break	21 Dec 2020 – 9 Jan 2021	17 May – 5 Jun 2021
Link to academic calendar and important dates	http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/arro/ac_calendar.asp http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/arro/content.asp?cid=321	

<i>Exchange-related Information</i>		
Nomination period	Semester A (September Entry): 8 Apr - 1 May 2020	Semester B (January Entry): 1 Sep - 1 Oct 2020
Application period	Semester A (September Entry): 8 Apr - 15 May 2020	Semester B (January Entry): 1 Sep - 15 Oct 2020
Website for exchange-related information	http://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/ http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo	
Online application for admission	https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login	
Application checklist	The following supporting documents should be provided at the time of	

	<p>application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcript (online uploading) • TOEFL/IELTS/CET result if English is not the medium of instruction at your institution (online uploading) <p><u>Notes for Exchange Applicants</u></p> <p>You must select at least 6 courses in order to submit the application. Some courses are so competitive that you may not be able to enrol in all the intended courses so please allow flexibility with your study plan at CityU!</p> <p>For courses with pre-requisites, you are strongly advised to upload a list of courses now you are taking at your home university together with the relevant course syllabuses for consideration. It will save you time in corresponding back and forth with us regarding the proof of relevant background. Beware that course places can be filled up soon!</p> <p>If you need to complete your major modules during the exchange study at CityU, do prioritize and select at least 50% of the courses offered by your intended academic department at CityU. Put them at the top of your intended course list. Even if you are not pre-assigned with the course(s) at the time of admission, you may have a chance to get into the course(s) if and when someone drops out.</p>
Minimum requirement	<p>Students must have already completed their first year of study at the home university in order to attend exchange programme at CityU. Students are expected to be in good academic standing at their home institution.</p> <p>Minimum language requirement: TOEFL 79 (internet-based test), IELTS 6.5 or Chinese Mainland’s College English Test Band 6 (total score ≥ 450), if English is not the medium of instruction at your institution.</p> <p>*For students applying for law courses, they must meet School of Law’s minimum CGPA requirement 3.0 out of 4.3 scale; and minimum English requirement of TOEFL 100 (internet-based test) / IELTS 7. The TOEFL and IELTS scores should be valid for 3 years from the test date.</p>
Can students extend their exchange stint?	<p>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.</p>
<p>Activities or services available to exchange students (e.g. student activity group, student club, sports facilities, wellness centre etc.)</p> <p><i>Note: Fees will be charged for some of the activities and services.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students may apply for associate membership and join the activities organised by the Students’ Union and other student societies at CityU • Peer support from International Friends Club (IFC) • Global Mixer (G-mixer) • Community service work organised by the University, e.g. City-Youth Empowerment Project (CYEP), Companions of Social Inclusion (COSI) • Access to campus facilities including library, sports facilities and medical centre, etc.

Course-related Information (for exchange students)

Course information	http://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/
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Course schedule/timetable	During 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 required courses, students must have taken courses considered equivalent to the pre-requisite. See Notes for Exchange Applicants above.
Medium of instruction and assessment	The medium of instruction and assessment at CityU is 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 forty to fifty 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 students are accepted into at CityU.
Level of courses	Exchange students are normally allowed to take courses at undergraduate level only (course level: B1-B4) unless approved otherwise.
Any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange programme stint?	No.
Official transcripts	CityU transcripts show letter grades only. A description of the grading system is available at http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/arro/content.asp?cid=498 . CityU will mail two copies of the official transcript directly to the partner institution's international office, approximately 6 weeks after the end of examination period.

Accommodation

Is on-campus accommodation available for exchange students?	No, exchange students will have the option of staying in commercially operated accommodations recommended by CityU, or renting their own flat on the market.
Link to information on off-campus accommodation	http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/htm/e_off-campus.htm Exchange students will be invited to join a Facebook page with guidance on searching off-campus housing in Hong Kong and to find suitable flatmates to share a flat in the city. The rental for off-campus accommodations varies, depending on the size, location, age of the building, etc. Students are advised to research and search for off-campus housing early.

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	<p>Yes, details and procedures can be found at http://www.immd.gov.hk and http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo. Students are encouraged to apply for student visa to Hong Kong via CityU. CityU may act as the local sponsor of exchange students who are accepted for admission and meet Hong Kong visa application requirements.</p> <p>Completed application form and supporting documents should be sent to the Global Engagement Office, Room 3210, 3/F, Cheng Yick-chi Building, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR.</p> <p>An Administrative Fee for Student Visa/Entry Permit Application at HK\$600 will be charged. The fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.</p> <p>As the student visa/entry permit application processing may take 8 weeks or even longer, students should file their application by the following deadline:</p> <p>Semester A (September Intake): 1st June</p> <p>Semester B (January Intake): 1st November</p> <p>*Students are encouraged to file their student visa/entry permit application first even if they have not yet received the letter of acceptance.</p>
Are exchange students allowed to work?	No, exchange students are not allowed to work, whether paid or unpaid.

Arrival / Orientation Programme

Recommended arrival dates	Semester A: 24 – 26 Aug 2020	Semester B: 4 – 6 Jan 2021
Is airport pick-up service available?	Yes, scheduled shuttle bus service from Hong Kong International Airport to CityU campus will normally be provided during the orientation week. Reservation is required.	
Mandatory orientation programme	Semester A: 24 – 28 Aug 2020	Semester B: 4 – 8 Jan 2021
	It normally starts one week before the semester commences.	It normally starts one week before the semester commences.
Cost of orientation programme (if any)	Most of the activities are free of charge, except for excursions and/or specified otherwise.	

Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase insurance?	<p>Yes, it is mandatory for exchange students to have insurance.</p> <p>Students must purchase insurance for themselves before they come to Hong Kong. The insurance should include, but not limited to, medical 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 CityU. For more information, please see http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ies_healthninsur.htm.</p>
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Estimated Expenses in Local Currency

(The estimated costs are for reference only. Actual expenses may vary from person to person.)

Off-campus accommodation	Shared private flat / serviced apartment: HK\$5,625 to HK\$6,875 per month (with utility and internet charges excluded).
Living costs (meals, transport, laundry, and education expenses for books, stationery etc.)	HK\$4,500 per month

(Last updated on 5 August 2020)