

# Study Abroad Scheme

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# **About HKSYU**

Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSYU) is the first private university in Hong Kong. Based on its pedagogical philosophy of Chinese traditional culture and virtues, it offers liberal arts education with a focus on professional and vocationally-oriented training. It has currently over 4,000 students.

The main campus of HKSYU is located at Braemar Hill, North Point, comprising the Main Academic Building, the Library Complex, the Student Residential and Amenities Complex, and the Research Complex.

For more details, please visit the University Admission website <a href="https://uao.hksyu.edu/en/home">https://uao.hksyu.edu/en/home</a>

#### **HISTORY**

HKSYU was founded in 1971 by Dr. Henry H.L. HU and Dr. CHUNG Chi Yung as Shue Yan College in response to their concern on the acute shortage of tertiary places for local secondary school leavers aspiring for university education. Attained the current university title in 2006, HKSYU stands to be the first private university in Hong Kong.

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# Faculties and Departments

There are 12 departments under the Faculties of Arts, Commerce and Social Sciences in HKSYU: Chinese Language and Literature, English Language and Literature, History, Journalism and Communication, Accounting, Business Administration, Economics and Finance, Law and Business, Counselling and Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Applied Data Science.

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# Student Support Services



Students may seek academic support from their respective programme instructors. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) provides non-academic support for students such as counselling services, sports and recreational activities.

https://www.hksyu.edu/osa/

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#### Semester I

Nomination Deadline	1 May 2024
Suggested Arrival Date	Last week of August
Term Dates	Beginning of September to the end of December
<b>Examination Period</b>	Mid-December to the second last week of December
Term Break	Last week of December to the second week of January

#### Semester II

Nomination Deadline	1 October 2024
Suggested Arrival Date	The first week of January
Term Dates	The second week of January to mid-May
<b>Examination Periods</b>	End of April to the first week of May
Second Semester End Date	Mid-May

#### **Programmes and Courses**

For details of the programmes, please visit <u>Study Programmes</u> (<u>hksyu.edu</u>)

HKSYU currently offers the following 19 locally accredited undergraduate programmes:

#### Faculty of Commerce

- 1. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Accounting
- 2. Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)
- 3. <u>Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Human</u> <u>Resources Management - Applied Psychology</u>
- 4. <u>Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Digital</u>
  <u>Marketing</u>
- 5. <u>Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Corporate Governance and Risk Management</u>
- 6. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics and Finance
- 7. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Financial Technology
- 8. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Law and Business

#### Faculty of Arts

- 9. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Chinese Language and Literature
- 10. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English
- 11. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History
- 12. <u>Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Journalism and Mass</u>
  Communication
- 13. <u>Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Media Design and Immersive</u> Technology Programme

#### Faculty of Social Sciences

- 14. <u>Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Applied Data Science</u>
- 15. <u>Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Arts, Culture and Technology Programme</u>
- 16. <u>Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Counselling and Psychology</u>
- 17. <u>Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology</u>
- 18. <u>Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Sociology</u>
- 19. <u>Bachelor of Social Work (Ho</u>nours)

Admission Requirement	<ul> <li>Preferably:</li> <li>Language proficiency proof for non-native English speakers: Overall band score of 6 with no band lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or equivalent</li> <li>Academic: Cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) or above</li> <li>*With the provision of a reference letter, partner institutions may recommend a student who does not fully meet the requirements above but has the capacity to complete her/his study at HKSYU. The final decision to admit the student is determined by HKSYU.</li> </ul>
Course/Unit Load per Semester	Under normal circumstances, exchange students may enroll
	in 4-5 undergraduate courses (3 credits per course; 12-15
	SYU credits in total) per semester.
Number of Hours per Week	3 contact hours per week for each 3-credit course
per Course	
Number of Weeks of Study	15 weeks per semester (including 2 weeks of examinations at the end of each semester)
Available Courses for Registration	Course selection is subject to prior approval of the respective academic department, especially for the subject that may be considered as too difficult for the student or requires prerequisites.  CGE will assist all exchange students in course selection and
	registration, and the change of course registration during the add/drop period. After the add/ drop period, no changes can be made to course registration
Course List	Click <u>here</u> to review the courses available for exchange students in 2024-2025  Note: courses may be offered in Fall/ Spring/ Both
	Semesters
Course Registration Date	CGE will assist exchange students in course selection and registration.
Transcripts	Transcript(s) will be issued and sent to the home university, normally within one month after the Board of Examiners has approved the results.

# **Accommodation**

On-campus Accommodation	En Suite Twin Room of Residential and Amenities Complex will be offered to exchange students. The undergraduate residence is gender segregated by floor and is designed in dormitory style. The residency fees are calculated by semester including accommodation fees, initial top-up value for student ID card and refundable deposit.  The fees must be paid in full by semester and are non-refundable. You can learn more about our residential hall on the website of the Hall Management Unit here.
Off-campus Accommodation	No
On-campus Accommodation Fee (2024/25 academic year)	HKD2,350/month per person for an En Suite Twin Room
Meal Plan (if available)	Students are responsible for their own cost of living including meals. They may purchase their own meals from the canteen located on the 1/F, Residential & Amenities Complex. In addition, a Pacific Coffee café is located on the 1/F of the Low Block of Research Complex, and eCafé is located on the 5/F of the Main Academic Building.
Other Facilities	<ul> <li>A resident may access the Internet in his/her room by connecting a computer to the LAN port using appropriate LAN card and cable (CAT5).</li> <li>The En Suite Twin Rooms are air-conditioned, have a washroom, and furnished with loft-bed combos (no bedding).</li> <li>Common facilities include common rooms with TVs, pantries, microwaves, Smartcard-operated washing machines and dryers, fitness room, and indoor sports court.</li> <li>Students are responsible for their own cost of living including meals and air-conditioning.</li> </ul>

#### Visa Requirement, Process, and Fee

Once accepted by HKSYU, if the students do not have the right of abode or right to land in Hong Kong, they must obtain a student visa from the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Students should ensure that they are eligible to apply for a student visa to study in Hong Kong and submit the necessary supporting documents and application form to the Immigration Department. CGE is not responsible for obtaining visas for non-local students but will provide assistance and keep tracking of the visa application progress. It will normally take 6 weeks for the Immigration Department to process a visa application upon receipt of all the required documents. Students are advised to apply as early as possible.

Basic materials required by the Immigration Department to facilitate your student visa application:

- Form ID995A (<a href="http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995a.html">http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995a.html</a>) completed and signed by the student
- Form ID995B (<a href="http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995b.html">http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id995b.html</a>) and Letter of Acceptance completed and signed by the sponsor (arranged by the Centre for Global Engagement of HKSYU)
- Photocopy of the student's identity card and/or travel documents (e.g. passport)
- One recent passport photo of the student (affixed on form ID995A)
- Academic transcript
- Evidence of the student's financial standing in English or Chinese (bank statements, passbooks, proof of scholarship funds, etc.) If someone is sponsoring the student financially, that person must submit a declaration stating her/his relationship to the student, her/his intention to support the student's study and living expenses and her/his financial standing

## **Mandatory Health / Medical Insurance**

Non-local students are required to have suitable and adequate insurance for the entire period of their study at HKSYU. The insurance should cover, but is not limited to, travel, personal accidents, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalization and emergency evacuation/ repatriation. If you plan to travel outside Hong Kong during your exchange sojourn, you should make sure that your insurance policy covers those destinations as well.

The insurance should cover your whole exchange period (including travelling days). Exchange students will be required to provide proof of adequate health insurance coverage before their arrival.

# **Living in Hong Kong**

#### Climate

Hong Kong's climate is sub-tropical, tending towards temperate for nearly half the year. There are four seasons all the year around: cold and dry winter, unstable and wet spring, hot and humid summer, and warm and pleasant autumn. The rainy season in Hong Kong is from May to September. Typhoons usually occur during the summer.

During November and December, there are pleasant breezes, plenty of sunshine and comfortable temperatures. January and February are relatively cloudier, with occasional cold fronts followed by dry northerly winds. The temperatures may occasionally drop below 10°C in urban areas.

#### Food / Meals, Leisure, Transportation, and Personal Items

Exchange students should allow for HKD3,000 to HKD5,000 (USD390 to USD650) per month for living costs other than accommodation. Please note that the estimation is a point of reference for preparation purposes only.

You may wish to bring travellers cheques or your local currency to exchange for Hong Kong dollars at the airport or other foreign exchange providers. Besides, it is advisable to prepare HKD10,000 (USD1,200) - HKD20,000 (USD2,500) in cash for your first two months' living cost in Hong Kong (for accommodation, textbooks or other additional necessities).

You are not advised to open a Hong Kong bank account just for one-semester exchange. If you really wish to open a bank account in Hong Kong, you should have at least HKD5,000 (USD650) in deposit throughout the whole exchange period. Moreover, only a few local banks will provide such a service to exchange students.