

Student Exchange Programme - Academic Year 2024-25
Fact Sheet

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General Information		
Academic calendar	Semester A (1 st semester):	Semester B (2 nd semester):
Teaching	2 Sep – 30 Nov 2024	13 Jan – 17 Apr 2025
Revision Period	2 – 7 Dec 2024	22 – 26 Apr 2025
Examinations	9 - 21 Dec 2024	28 Apr – 13 May 2025
Semester Break	23 Dec 2024 – 11 Jan 2025	14 May – 7 Jun 2025
Link to academic calendar	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/calendar/academic	

Exchange-related Information		
Nomination Deadline (by email to Miss Swan Chan swan.chan@cityu.edu.hk)	Semester A (September Entry): 1 May	Semester B (January Entry): 8 October
Application Period	Semester A (September Entry): 8 April - 1 May	Semester B (January Entry): 1 September - 8 October
Website for exchange-related information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cityu.edu.hk/phy/undergraduate/student-exchange#inbound-exchange • https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ 	
Online application for admission	<p>Account registration (Select Department of Physics):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieuserreg_cityu.P_Main_Dept <p>Application login:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login 	
Application check list	<p>The following supporting documents should be provided at the time of application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcript in English (online uploading) • TOEFL/IELTS/Taiwan General Scholastic Ability Test or Advanced Subjects Test result if English is not the medium of instruction at your institution (online uploading) • Application for Student Residence of CityU (online application) • Application form for Visa (ID995A: http://www.immd.gov.hk/pdfforms/ID995A.pdf) • Request for Visa Sponsorship & Student's Agreement https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login • Declaration by Financial Sponsor (Sample) • Photocopies of financial documents under the name of applicant (sample) 	
Minimum language requirement	<p>If English is NOT the medium of instruction at your institution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL 79 (internet-based test); or • IELTS 6.5; or • Taiwan General Scholastic Ability Test 大學學科能力測驗 (學測) or Advanced Subjects Test 指定科目考試(指考): English result within the top percentile (頂標) (i.e., top 13%) 	
Can students extend their exchange stint?	<p>Yes, but subject to approval of the home and host institutions.</p> <p>Application for re-admission should be raised before 1 May for Semester A enrolment and 1 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students may apply for associate membership and join the activities organised by the Students' Union at CityU • Student residence hall activities • Community service work organised by the University, e.g. City-Youth Empowerment Project • Access to campus facilities including library and medical centre, etc. <p><i>Note: Fees will be charged for some of the activities and services.</i></p>
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Course-related Information (for exchange students)	
<p>Online course information</p>	<p>Courses offered by Department of Physics (PHY): https://www.cityu.edu.hk/phy/undergraduate/student-exchange#inbound-exchange → "Download our latest course list for inbound exchange students"</p> <p>All courses (under Application Procedures → Submit Your Application): https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/admissions/exchange-students</p>
<p>Online course schedule/timetable</p>	<p>Once accepted, students can add courses by logging onto their student account via https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwieapplacs_cityu.P_Login</p>
<p>Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)</p>	<p>Some courses with capacity limit do not accept exchange students. For pre-requisite required courses, students must have taken courses considered equivalent to the pre-requisite.</p>
<p>Medium of instruction and assessment</p>	<p>The medium of instruction and assessment at CityU is English unless specified otherwise.</p>
<p>Minimum and maximum number of credits to be taken for each semester</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>For exchange students attached to the Department of Physics (PHY), the majority of the courses they take must be offered by PHY.</p>
<p>Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?</p>	<p>Yes, subject to approval by the course-offering department.</p> <p>However, for exchange students attached to the Department of Physics (PHY), the majority of the courses they take must be offered by PHY.</p>
<p>Level of courses</p>	<p>Exchange students are allowed to take courses at undergraduate level only (course level: B1-B4) unless approved otherwise.</p> <p>Normally, exchange students are not recommended to take postgraduate courses and the approval is case by case and subjected to course offering departments.</p>

Any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange programme stint?	No.
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Accommodation	
Is on-campus accommodation available for exchange students?	Yes, exchange students may apply for accommodation at Student Residence. Please note that the provision of on-campus accommodation is <u>NOT guaranteed</u> due to limited spaces.
Online application for on-campus accommodation	Submit together with exchange application via https://banweb.cityu.edu.hk/pls/PROD/hwhaapplacs_cityu.P_Login
Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	No, accommodation at Student Residence is not available during term break between Semesters A and B.
Link to information on off-campus accommodation	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm
Website for information on accommodation	https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/

Visa Requirements	
Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Details and procedures can be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.immd.gov.hk • https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/non-local-students/visa/student-visa Students are encouraged to apply for student visa to Hong Kong via CityU. CityU may act as local sponsor of exchange students who are accepted for admission and meet Hong Kong visa application requirements.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	No. Exchange students are not allowed to take up any employment, whether paid or unpaid.

Arrival / Orientation Programme		
Recommended arrival dates	Semester A (tentative dates): 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2024	Semester B (tentative dates): 6 – 12 Jan 2025

Is airport pick-up service available?	Yes, scheduled shuttle bus service from Hong Kong International Airport to CityU Student Residence at Cornwall Street will normally be provided during the orientation week (Mon-Fri). Reservation is required.	
Orientation period	Semester A (tentative dates): It normally starts from the week before the semester commences.	Semester B (tentative dates): It normally starts from the week before the semester commences.
Cost of orientation programme (if any)	Most of the activities are free of charge, except for city excursions that will charge a modest activity fee.	

Insurance	
Are exchange students required to purchase insurance?	<p>Yes. It is mandatory for non-local students (including 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 they are unable to do so or wish to have additional insurance coverage, they may enroll in the 'Group Personal Accident Insurance & Medical Benefits Insurance Plan for Non-local Students' contracted by CityU. For more information, please see https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/non-local-students/insurance</p>

Estimated Expenses in Local Currency	
Private accommodation	Private accommodation is expensive and limited in Hong Kong. It may cost around HK\$10,000 to HK\$15,000 for a two-room flat in some of the residential areas. If students choose to live off campus, they need to look up for private residence on their own and act fast. Please see https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm for information.
Cost of Living	Living costs will vary depending on individual lifestyle expectations. A basic student budget is estimated to be HKD 4,500 (per month) including meals, transport, laundry, and education expenses for books and stationery.

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