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Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Language of Instruction: Classes are taught in English

Academic Calendar:
Fall: 3 September – December 21
Spring: 25 January – May 29
Available to: Students in the Applied Economics and Management Major

Hong Kong is a “world city.” Ranking among the top leading international financial centers, it is a model of capitalist economy. Fast-paced and densely populated, Hong Kong is also a leader in modern architecture, growing up instead of out. Living in such a city is a unique experience; imagine a place with spectacular landscapes, excellent transportation, bustling nightlife, high quality of life and some of the best street food in the world. This is what Hong Kong offers its residents and visitors. Add to the mix one of the highest rated international business schools and you’ve reached the perfect study abroad destination.

Campus

Come experience a truly international educational experience on a beautiful, newly built campus with incredible views. A product of an international design competition this campus is comfortable and dynamic, offering responsive learning spaces, attractive courtyards and resort style accommodations. Founded in 1991, HKUST has quickly risen in international prominence and become a leader in both teaching and research.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology offers:

- 100+ student societies and sports clubs
- 50% of students with international experience
- 180 degree sea view
- Best University in Asia
- 4th most international faculty in the world
- 8th best MBA program in the world

Areas of Study

Course offerings vary each term but are all designed to provide an enriching learning experience in a stimulating international environment. Courses of particular interest to CALS Students might include:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Global Business
- Information Systems
- Operations Management
- Management of Organizations
• Marketing
You can explore more course listings and descriptions here.

Course Selection

Exchange students have the same freedom in course selection as regular students. While the curriculum will be focused in the business school, students may be able to take one course in a different discipline, if desired. All courses are open to exchange students, as long as all pre-requisites have been met.

Students will be pre-enrolled in courses of their choosing and will also have a chance to add and/or drop courses during the first two weeks of classes.

Assessments & Grading

Students are expected to take at least 15 credits during their semester but may not go above 17 credits. Class formats may vary and students may be graded on anything from case analyses and presentations to papers exams and projects. Class attendance is mandatory and participation is part of a student’s grade. Courses are letter graded, with D being a marginal pass. Finals take place in the last two weeks of the semester; students are required to stay until the end of the finals period.

Orientation

A mandatory one-day orientation is held the last working day before the start of each semester. Students will be briefed on the Student Center system, add/drop procedures, student ID card registration and other important information. Students will also be able to participate in a local tour that will provide a good first taste of Hong Kong and all this bustling metropolis has to offer.

Special Offerings for Exchange Students

1) Buddy Program: HKUST Business School has a robust Buddy system, available to all interested exchange participants. Buddies will assist exchange students with airport reception, settling in on-campus and various other matters to help students adapt to their new environment during the semester. A full day buddy activity to Stanley and Victoria Peak is organized to kick-off this program every semester.

2) Putonghua Course: The HKUST Language Center also offers a Putonghua course for students with a non-Chinese background in levels I, II, and III which is taught in English for international students. This course carries 3 credits.

3) Exchange Fair: Exchange students can promote their home university to our local students at this fair

4) Farewell Dinner: exclusively for exchange students organized by the Global Students Programs Office (GSPO)

Accommodation

On campus housing is guaranteed for all exchange participants. Students will be housed in one of nine residence halls. For more details on each hall, please visit https://sao.ust.hk/housing/accommodation.html

No meal plans are included as students pay for what they buy to eat at our food outlets such as food courts, coffee shops, cafeterias, McDonalds, and supermarkets. We also have a full-serve bistro, uni-bar, and restaurant.

Student Visa

The Hong Kong Immigration Department requires all overseas students to obtain a proper Student visa to study in Hong Kong. The fee for your student visa will be HK$400, or approximately $60 USD.

The CALS Exchange office will work with you to complete your visa application and compile all required documents.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal
expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

**How to Apply**

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.