EXCHANGE FACT SHEET • ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

HKUST Business School

World’s #1 Young University *Times Higher Education* 2018-2020
World’s #1 Kellogg-HKUST Joint EMBA Program *QS rankings* 2017 & 2019
Asia’s #1 Best Business Schools in the World *CEOWORLD magazine* 2023
Asia #1 MBA Program *Bloomberg Businessweek* 2023-2024
Asia Pacific’s #1 Business School Research *University of Texas at Dallas* Since 2005
Asia Pacific’s #1 Masters in Finance *QS rankings* 2020-2022
Asia Pacific’s #1 Best Business School *Bloomberg Businessweek* 2023-2024
Greater China’s #1 In Business & Management Studies *QS rankings* 2022
Greater China’s #1 In Accounting & Finance / Econ & Econometrics Studies *QS rankings* 2022
Greater China’s #1 Global University Employability Ranking *Times Higher Education* 2013-2019
Hong Kong’s #1 MBA Program *Financial Times* 2008-2022, 2024

Campus & Exchange Videos

Campus Drone Tour
Campus VR Tour
SBM Exchange Video

Check out Ariel (South) for the Business School
Check out Ariel (West) for seafront halls

Address & Website

Room 1037, UG Programs Office, Lee Shau Kee Business Building
School of Business & Management, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Clearwater Bay, KLN, Hong Kong

HKUST Business School:
https://bm.hkust.edu.hk/

UG Exchange Programs:
https://bmundergrad.hk

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**Important Dates 2024 – 2025**

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<th>Application Deadline</th>
<th>Online Applications</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fall &amp; Yr-Long: 14 Apr 2024</td>
<td><a href="https://mystudyabroad.hkust.edu.hk">https://mystudyabroad.hkust.edu.hk</a></td>
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<td>Spring: 30 Sep 2024</td>
<td><em>Students can access this system only after they have been nominated.</em></td>
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<th>Academic Year (provisional)</th>
<th>Academic Calendar (provisional)</th>
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<td>Fall: 02 Sep – 20 Dec 2024</td>
<td>HKUST 2024-25 Academic Year</td>
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<td>Spring: 03 Feb – 29 May 2025</td>
<td><em>with holidays and study breaks</em></td>
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<td>Yr-Long: 02 Sep 24 – 29 May 2025</td>
<td><strong>Expected Arrival Date</strong></td>
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<td>Note: HKUST has 13 weeks of teaching per semester</td>
<td><em>Depends on earliest dorm check-in dates</em></td>
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<th>Orientation Dates (TBC)</th>
<th>Orientation Program</th>
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<td>Fall &amp; Yr-long: 30 Aug 2024</td>
<td>Orientation is compulsory and held on the last or second 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, etc.</td>
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<td>Spring: 31 Jan 2025</td>
<td>The Office of Global Learning (OGL) will often organize various activities during orientation week.</td>
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**Exchange Buddy Programs**

**SBM Buddy Program Activities (TBC)**

- There are 2 official activities a semester:
  1. Hong Kong Island Tour
     - Stanley and Peak Tour
  2. West Kowloon Cultural Day
     - M+ and Xiqu Tea Theatre

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<th>Fall &amp; Yr-long: 31 Aug &amp; 28 Sep 2024</th>
<th>Spring: 1 &amp; 22 Feb 2025</th>
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**SBM Buddy Program**

Exchange students are assigned a Business (SBM) buddy. This buddy is a local business school student who has gone and/or will go on exchange. The buddy will assist the exchange student with airport reception, settling in on-campus, and various other matters to help students adapt to their new environment during the semester.

**OGL Buddy Program**

Besides the SBM buddy, exchange students can opt to also join a secondary Buddy Program offered by the Office of Global Learning (OGL).

**Exchange Student Fee**

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<th>Exchange Student Fee HKD (TBC)</th>
<th>Office of Global Learning (OGL) will charge an Exchange Student fee that includes these items (in HKD):</th>
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<td>Semester: $15,100</td>
<td>• Student Visa Fee - $600</td>
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<td>Year-long: $31,100</td>
<td>• Insurance Fee - $1,000 semester / $1,500 year-long</td>
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<td>Payment: Online, Credit Card</td>
<td>• Accommodations - $13,500 semester / $29,000 year-long</td>
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Details provided in the online ‘Welcome Notes’ on the system.
Compulsory Travel Insurance

Insurance Fees HKD
*Part of the Exchange Student Fee

- Semester: $1,000
- Year-long: $1,500

All exchange students are required to subscribe to the University’s Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan.

Refer to the SFAO website for details:

Student Visa

Student Visa Fee HKD (TBC)
*Part of the Exchange Student Fee

- Visa Fee: $600
- Fall Deadline: May 2024
- Spring Deadline: Oct 2024

All foreign students without the right of abode, right to land in HK or dependent’s visa need a student visa to study in HK. Student visa applications are routed to the Office of Global Learning (OGL) for handling. OGL will submit all visa applications to HK Immigration Department. The student visa will be emailed to students when ready.

Student visa documents must be submitted in a TIMELY manner or will be withdrawn.

Details provided in the online ‘Welcome Notes’ on the system.

University-Provided Accommodations

Housing Application
Students can indicate if they opt for university-provided housing in the exchange application.

Residential Period (Refer to 2023-24)
- Fall 2023: 29-Aug 23 to 02-Jan 2024
- Spring 2024: 29-Jan 24 to 03-Jun 2024
- Year-long: 29-Aug 23 to 03-Jun 2024

Housing Charges HKD
*Part of the Exchange Student Fee

- Semester: $13,500
- Year-long: $29,000

All exchange students are accommodated in university-provided double occupancy student halls. There are 9 on-campus halls and 1 off-campus hall for UG students.

Hall assignments are all decided by the housing office. Except for the off-campus Jockey Club Hall, all other on-campus hall preferences will not be entertained. Roommate preferences are also not entertained.

No bed linen/pillows/blankets are provided due to sanitary reasons. Students are recommended to purchase a bed protector for the duration of their stay.

Types of Student Halls:
https://shrl.ust.hk/student-housing/undergraduate-housing

Housing Office Inquiry Email: ughousing@ust.hk

Details provided in the online ‘Welcome Notes’ on the system.

Estimated Living Expenses

Estimated Break-Down of Costs a Semester for reference:

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<td>Food (no meal plan, roughly HK$35/meal on-campus)</td>
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<td>Exchange Student Fee (Insurance, Visa, Housing)</td>
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<td>Books and Supplies</td>
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<td>Local Transportation, Personal and Incidental Expenses*</td>
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<td>Total: $42,600</td>
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<td>Approximately: (US$5,445)</td>
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* This category of expenses includes entertainment and shopping at a reasonable level on weekends. It does not include travel outside Hong Kong for holiday.
## Learning Expectations

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<th>Language of Instruction:</th>
<th>English is the medium of instruction for the Business School</th>
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<td>Class Format:</td>
<td>Lectures, Case Analysis/Presentations, Papers, and Projects</td>
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<td>Class Attendance:</td>
<td>Class attendance is mandatory until the last day of classes</td>
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<td>Class Participation:</td>
<td>Class participation is part of the student’s final grade in most courses</td>
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<td>Course Grading:</td>
<td>4.3 grading scale, letter graded, with grade D as marginal pass; final course grade often based on class participation, projects, case analysis, mid-term and final exams. Some courses are graded on a curve.</td>
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<td>Class Size:</td>
<td>Normally 30 – 40 students per a class for 2000 - 4000 level courses</td>
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<td>Course Load:</td>
<td>A maximum total of 5 courses within 17 credits in total.</td>
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<td>Course Choices:</td>
<td>Exchange students can select as long as they meet the prerequisite requirements and subject to space availabilities. Some courses may require professor approval for enrollment.</td>
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<td>Examinations:</td>
<td>Format of exams varies. Final exams are written in the last 2 weeks of the school. Students are responsible to stay in HK until the last day of finals. Requests for early leave of exams are normally not considered.</td>
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<td>Transcripts:</td>
<td>Students receive 2 free e-transcripts around 6-8 weeks after the semester. One copy will be sent to students’ personal emails and the other to students’ home institutions.</td>
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## Available Subjects & Course Outlines

### Course Descriptions
Course descriptions of ALL university-wide subjects *(Refer to 2023-24):*
- [2023-24 Course Catalog](#)

### Course Timetable and Outlines
Past timetable with course outlines:
- Spring 2024 Course Offerings
- Fall 2023 Course Offerings
- [Past Timetables](#)

### Putonghua Language Courses
LANG1411 – LANG1415
Putonghua for Non-Chinese Background Students

### Business Subjects (PG courses not permitted)
- **Accounting**
- **Economics**
- **Finance**
- **Global Business**
- **Information Systems**
- **Business Statistics**
- **Operations Management**
- **Management of Organizations**
- **Marketing**

*Popular courses. Students selecting these subjects must have alternatives.

Non-business courses can be selected in Sciences, Engineering, Language, and other subjects such as:

### Others Subjects
- **ENTR** – Entrepreneurship
- **ENVR / ENVS / SUST** – Environment or Sustainability
- **GNED** – General Education
- **HUMA / SOSC** – Humanities & Social Sciences
- **LIFS** – Life Sciences
- **OCES** – Ocean Science
- **RMBI** – Risk Management & Business Intelligence

### IMPORTANT
No guarantee for required courses. Students must be flexible with course options.

### ISOM2010
Not available for exchange.

### ATTENDANCE
Students are expected to attend ALL courses in person and early leave of exams for personal reasons will not be entertained.
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<td>Academic advising is available from the Business School’s Exchange Programs Coordinator.</td>
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| **Wellness and Student Counseling** |
| Wellness counseling is available from a Wellness Manager in our SBM Undergraduate Programs Office to assist students with special cases and can be contacted by email: bmiugexch@ust.hk. In addition our University has a Counselling and Wellness Center to support students needing additional support. Refer to the SAO website for details: [https://counsel.ust.hk/](https://counsel.ust.hk/) |

| **Student Housing & Residential Life Office (SHRLO)** |
| Housing applications and other related issues are managed by our Student Housing & Residential Life Office. Refer to the SHRLO website for details on Student Halls, Hall Life: [https://shrl.ust.hk/student-housing/undergraduate-housing](https://shrl.ust.hk/student-housing/undergraduate-housing) |

| **Student Medical and Dental Clinics** |
| Students can visit the on-campus medical and dental clinics with their student ID cards. Basic medical consultation services are free of charge while oral examination charges HK$10. Refer to the website of Health, Safety and Environment Office for details: [https://hseo.ust.hk/clinic](https://hseo.ust.hk/clinic) |

| **Special Educational Needs (SEN)** |
| HKUST has taken a proactive role in ensuring and cultivating a positive learning environment for all students, including those with disabilities and Special Educational Needs. Refer to the SEN website for details: [http://sen.ust.hk/index.php](http://sen.ust.hk/index.php) |

| **Office of Global Learning (OGL)** |
| OGL supports the University's incoming and outgoing study abroad programs. They also handle student visa and arrange activities for international students. Refer to the OGL website for more details: [http://studyabroad.ust.hk/](http://studyabroad.ust.hk/) |

| **Computer Services (ITSC)** |
| Each exchange student is given access to the online University’s Student Information System (SIS) and an e-mail account after official registration. Refer to the ITSC website for an overview of the SIS system and Information Technology Services Center: [http://itsc.ust.hk/](http://itsc.ust.hk/) |

| **On-Campus Sports & Recreation Facilities** |