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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Information Sheet 2015-2016

GENERAL INFORMATION	
University Website	http://www.hku.hk
Website for Exchange Students	http://www.hku.hk/exchange
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APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Nomination deadlines	September admission (Fall semester or full year) ☐ March 31 January admission (Spring semester) ☐ September 1 of the previous year
Application procedure	Upon receiving nomination submitted by institution, OISE will send the online application link with the programme, housing and visa application details to students.
Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application	Nominees are required to mail all original supporting documents to OISE upon completion of the online Exchange Application. Required supporting documents include: 1. Academic transcripts (if these documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a certified translation in English.); 2. Report of English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) *exempted for native speaker of English and students from universities where medium of instruction is English; 3. Passport copy 4. Curriculum vitae and personal statement (for students applying to Faculty of Law)
Application deadlines	The application has to be completed online, with hardcopies of the supporting documents sent to OISE by the following dates: September admission (Fall semester or full year): ☐ May 15 January admission (Spring semester): ☐ October 31
Duration of exchange	One semester or one academic year
Restricted programmes or courses (not open to exchange students)	Courses offered by Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Dentistry, and Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, most final year project courses.
Level of English proficiency requirement	Students whose first language is not English are expected to achieve the score of TOEFL- 80 (iBT) 97 (iBT) for Faculty of Law IELTS - 6.5 7.0 (with no subtest below 6.5) for Faculty of Law

ACADEMIC INFORMATION		
Academic load	Per course: 6 credits (in general) Per semester: 30 credits (Students are required to take a minimum of 24 credits to a maximum of 36 credits in each semester subject to approval of Dean/Head of Department) NOTE: 1. More than 50% of the credits must be chosen from one single faculty (i.e. at least 3 courses if taking 24 credits). 2. Students admitted to Faculty of Law can choose no more than 6 credits of non-law course (i.e. 1 course) in each semester [note].	
Language of instruction	English, except for courses offered by the Department of Chinese (course codes start with CHIN – e.g. CHIN2013)	
Academic Calendar	Semester Dates	
Important Date	First Semester (September)	Second Semester (January)
Expected date of arrival and Hall Check-in-date	Late August, 2015	Early January, 2016
Orientation date	Late August, 2015	Mid January, 2016
Semester starts	September 1, 2015	January 18, 2016
Reading Week	October 12-17, 2015	March 7-12, 2016
End of Teaching	November 30, 2015	April 30, 2016
Revision & Exam Period	December 8-23, 2015	May 9-28, 2016
Hall check-out date	Late December, 2015 (no need to check-out for full year exchange)	June 1, 2016

LIVING EXPENSES AND PREPARATORY INFORMATION

[HKU Preparatory Guide for Non-local Students 2014-2015](#)

VISA INFORMATION

Visa Application	All non-local students are required to obtain a student visa to study in HKSAR. Students can apply through one of the following ways: (1) Apply on your own at the local Chinese embassy (2) Apply through HKU a) through CEDARS (for Overseas Nationals) Please see details at Information for Overseas Nationals b) through China Affairs Office (for PRC Nationals)
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	Please see details at Information for PRC Nationals ✧ PRC nationals who is studying at overseas universities and will enter and leave HK from overseas country directly (i.e. using passport) should apply through CEDARS Please note nationality is based on the passport you plan to enter HK with, NOT country of residence.
Travel to Mainland China	You need to apply for a separate tourist visa to Mainland China. If you would like to apply in Hong Kong, you can do so in person at the China Travel Service (H.K.) Limited (E-mail: enquiry@ctshk.com). You may be able to apply your local Chinese Embassy before you come to Hong Kong. You can contact them for assistance directly.
Working in Hong Kong	Exchange students are NOT allowed to work in Hong Kong under student visa conditions.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Planning your arrival	A buddy mentor will be assigned to all incoming Exchange Students. Your buddy mentor can provide linguistic support, cultural guidance and information about life at HKU to you.
Orientation	Usually the week before classes begin More info could be found at http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/nonlocal/
Cost of orientation	Free-of-charge for Induction Meeting, Cultural Adjustment Session and Library Tour. Optional tours and cultural activities will be offered at notional charge.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Application	Please apply through the link embedded in the online application form in the first email from us as soon as the application starts, as it will be placed on a first-come-first-serve basis.
Hall Information	CEDARS – Accommodation
Hall Charges	CEDARS – Hall charges
Room Type	Most of the rooms are double room. Only St. John College, Ricci Hall and HKU Residential Colleges provide single room.
Meal Information	Some halls have compulsory meal plans, others do not (see Hall Charges for details). For those residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans, they can have meals on campus.

HEALTH / INSURANCE INFORMATION	
Medical Services	HKU provides free primary health care to full-time students at the University's out-patient clinic. Dental service is also available at a notional charge.
Insurance	Medical insurance is optional but highly recommended. Students can purchase accident insurance upon their arrival at HKU.