

Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
International Exchange Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Academic Year
(September to May)

Location

Hong Kong

Program Costs

- Ohio State Tuition + supplemental insurance + airfare and living expenses
- See "program costs" section for details

Application Deadline

February 1, 2010

Eligibility

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Undergraduate Students with a sophomore rank
- First preference for Biochemistry majors; second preference for Biology majors
- Written essay
- Personal interview

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Program

This is an international exchange program based on an agreement between The Ohio State University and two universities in Hong Kong: the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). The selection committee reserves the right to place students at the most appropriate university. Biochemistry or students from related disciplines may choose biochemistry or related courses at CUHK or HKUST after consultation with their academic advisor. Students may also take Chinese language classes according to their level and attend courses in Japanese and Asian culture, politics, economy, society, religions, literature and history. Most courses are conducted in English.

Location

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is located in Shatin, a district in the New Territories of Hong Kong. Hong Kong University of Science & Technology is also located in the New Territories, in Sai Kung. Kowloon and Hong Kong Island can be readily reached by subway. The journey takes 15-20 minutes. Hong Kong is a bustling city that is home to nearly 7 million people. While Cantonese is the native language, as a former British colony many of the inhabitants speak English. Central is the main financial district in Hong Kong, while Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui and Mongkok are the main shopping areas.

The Universities

The Chinese University of Hong Kong originated from three private post-secondary colleges - Chung Chi College, New Asia College and United College, which were all established after 1949 to carry on in Hong Kong the Chinese tradition of learning. Over the years, CUHK has developed into a comprehensive research university. It now has an enrollment of over 16,000 students and offers more than 1280 postgraduate and undergraduate programs through its graduate school and seven faculties: Arts, Administration, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Science and Social Science.

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology was established in 1991 and has become one of the most prestigious universities in Asia. It is a public school with a much smaller student population of approximately 9,000 undergraduates and graduates. This university is particularly well known for its work in science, engineering, and business.

Courses and Credits

Coursework completed at Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will transfer to Ohio State as graded credit. Before students leave for the program, they should discuss with their academic advisers the courses they plan to take, to ensure that these courses will be accepted for Ohio State credit.

Accommodations

As Hong Kong real estate is among the highest in the world, off-campus housing is extremely expensive. Hence, the primary housing option available to students will be on-campus dormitories. These will be double or triple-occupancy and are provided at a very reasonable cost. Most utilities are covered except for air conditioning which is paid for on a per use basis and shared by the roommate(s).

Pre-departure Orientation

All participants will be required to participate in an on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting organized by the Office of International Affairs. This session will provide important information on travel, passports, health and safety, and academic expectations. For the time and location of the orientation meetings, please contact the program coordinator.

Program Costs

International exchange programs are tuition exchanges, which means that an Ohio State student pays his/her full tuition and fees and trades places with a student at one of our partner institutions, who has in turn paid his/her full tuition and fees. Students selected to participate on an exchange program are also responsible for supplemental insurance, international airfare, room and board, and all other living or personal expenses. Please be advised that payments for room and board will be in the local currency.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. In the personal essay, please indicate the university that is your first choice and your rationale for choosing it. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline.

If you withdraw at any time after the date of your notification of nomination to the exchange program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)
Chinese University of Hong Kong	www.cuhk.edu.hk
Office of Academic Links at CUHK	www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal
Department of Biochemistry	http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/~biochem

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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