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Life at HKU







Preparatory Guide for International Students

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The University of Hong Kong welcomes international students and has much to offer, both academically and culturally. As you are preparing to study at The University of Hong Kong, the historical and premier institute in HKSAR, you may wish to have some ideas about the wide range of academic and non-academic services that we provide. This guide is intended to give you some factual information along with practical tips to ease your way. I look forward to meeting you in our orientation programmes and on the HKU campus.

Albert Chan

Dr. Albert Chau Dean of Student Affairs December 2006



Who are we?

The Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) is your first point of contact.

What special services do we provide for international students?

We give assistance and guidance on

- Orientation and Adjustment
- Student Development
- Student Advising
- Accommodation
- Visa and Immigration Formalities
- General Information

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Academic & Admission Matters

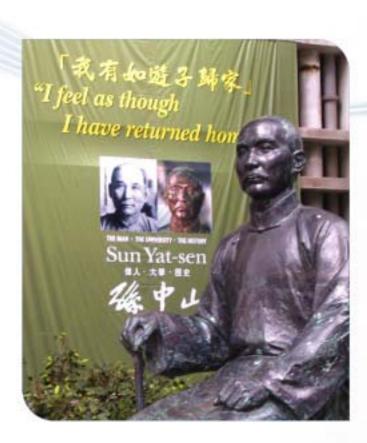
Founded in 1911, the University of Hong Kong is the oldest tertiary institution in the Hong Kong SAR. Today, HKU has a population of some 13,000 students and over 2,000 academic staff. HKU has admitted about 1,300 non-local students coming from 57 countries in October, 2006. The Times Higher Education Supplement ranks HKU as the top 33rd university in the world.

HKU is a culturally diversified campus. It offers full-degree programme and short term exchange programme to non-local students. You can also choose to study at HKU as a "visiting student" for a short period of time. Details on admission criteria and procedure can be found on the website of http://www.hku.hk/study.

Ten Good Reasons for Choosing The University of Hong Kong

- A University for the Best
- A History of 90 Years
- International Perspective
- Academic Awards
- Quality Education
- Comprehensive University
- Excellent Supporting Facilities
- Students are Members of the University Management Team
- Active Student Community
- Excellence in Research

(Source of information : HKU homepage)



Accommodation

Accommodation for undergraduate, visiting and exchange students (for full-time students only)

We have different types of accommodation to suit your needs:

(A) Halls of Residence (primarily for undergraduate students)

There are thirteen halls of residence, eleven of which are directly administered by the University, while two are financially and administratively independent of the University. These thirteen halls vary considerably in size and character. The halls are basically undergraduate halls, but they also accept a small number of postgraduate students. Competition for hall admission is usually keen.

Hall Culture: Is it for you?

The halls of HKU are committed to the personal and social development of their members. They are part of the education system, rather than a mere provision of accommodation. Hall members are expected to take full advantage of this experience and to participate actively in a wide range of hall activities.

The halls are also known for their strong hall spirit. Members identify very strongly with their halls. Each hall has its own tradition, culture and unique characteristics.

Hall Facilities

All halls have common rooms and recreational facilities. Each floor has its own pantry and is equipped with refrigerator, microwave oven, hotplate, water boiler and drinking fountain. Communal bathroom and toilet facilities are provided on each floor. All rooms are air-conditioned and furnished with bed and mattress. Each student is provided with a wardrobe, desk with lamp, chair and bookshelf. Individual network point and a shared telephone line are provided in each room in most of the halls. Coin-operated washing and drying machines are provided in each hall as well.



Hall Charges: Planning your expenses

The following figures (rounded up to the nearest integer in HK dollars) are fees for undergraduate students residing in the halls of residence. They are based on 2006/07 charges only. Fees are normally adjusted annually.

Halls	Lodging Fees	Compulsory Meal Charges
St. John's College	\$17,400 (290 residential days)	\$7,520
Ricci Hall	\$8,056 (269 residential days)	\$5,515
University Hall	\$8,816 (290 residential days)	\$7,200
Other university- administered halls	\$8,816 (290 residential days)	Not applicable

NB

In year 2006/07, the residential year for the university-administered halls starts on August 25, 2006 and ends on June 11, 2007.

The compulsory meal plan does NOT cover ALL meals. Residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans may have meals on the campus catering outlets. The cost is around \$2,000 per month.

Apart from lodging fees (and compulsory meal charges for a few halls), residents also need to pay other miscellaneous charges, e.g. hall association entrance fees and subscription fees, compulsory high table fees, key deposit, etc., on a semester basis. Such lump sum ranges from \$800 to \$1,400 per semester.

For those students who reside in hall for the whole residential year, hall charges are paid in two instalments; in October and in January. Students who wish to stay in hall during the summer vacation (from June to August) should contact the hall office to make arrangements around March/April.

University Halls of Residence

Hall	Nature	Room Type	Location and Contacts
Lady Ho Tung Hall	for women only	Shared room	91 Pokfulam Road within walking distance to the main campus http://www.hku.hk/hotung
Lee Hysan Hall	for men and women	Shared room	6 Sassoon Road next to the medical campus within a short bus ride from the main campus http://lhh.hku.hk

Hall	Nature	Room Type	Location and Contacts
Lee Shau Kee Hall	for men and women	Shared room	109 Pokfulam Road next to Flora Ho Sports Centre within walking distance to the main campus http://www.hku.hk/lskhall
Morrison Hall	150 undergraduates (for men only) 150 postgraduates (for men and women)	Shared room	109 Pokfulam Road next to Flora Ho Sports Centre within walking distance to the main campus http://www.hku.hk/morrison
R.C. Lee Hall	for men and women	Shared room	6 Sassoon Road next to the medical campus within a short bus ride from the main campus http://www.hku.hk/rclhall
Ricci Hall	●for men only ●run by Jesuit Fathers	Single room	93 Pokfulam Road within walking distance to the main campus has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents http://www.hku.hk/ricci
Simon K.Y. Lee Hall	for men and women	Shared room	On main campus (Pokfulam Road) http://www.hku.hk/skylee



Lee Hysan Hall, R.C. Lee Hall, Wei Lun Hall



Lady Ho Tung Hall



Lee Shau Kee Hall, Marrison Hall, Suen Chi Sun Hall



Simon K.Y. Lee Hall



Ricci Hall





Starr Hall



Swire Hall



Lee Shau Kee Hall, Morrison Hall, Suen Chi Sun Hall



St. John's College



University Hall



Lee Hysan Half, R.C. Lee Half, Wei Lun Half





Starr Hall



Swire Hall



Lee Shau Kee Hall, Morrison Hall, Suen Chi Sun Hall



St. John's College



University Hall



Lee Hysan Half, R.C. Lee Half, Wei Lun Half

Accommodation for postgraduate students

The University has a few postgraduate residences that are independently managed. Students in need of on-campus accommodation may submit on-line application at http://www.hku.hk/osa/student_residences/pghousing/index.htm.

(A) Graduate House

Located on the main campus, Graduate House provides air-conditioned accommodation for 200 postgraduate students. There are 190 single rooms with shared bathroom between two adjacent rooms and 10 double rooms with private bathroom. Approximately 80% of residents are from overseas.

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Monthly charges:

Single room: *HK\$2,500*Double room: *HK\$4,580*

(for married couples without children)

Double room single occupancy: HK\$4,580

(Occupants are required to pay the monthly electricity charges of his/her own bedroom)

Security deposit: One month house charge

Key deposit: HK\$100

For enquiries about vacancies, please contact:

Mr. Rocky Teng

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(B) Wong Chik Ting Hall, St. John's College

It takes about 15-minute walk to the main campus and is well served by bus routes. Priority is given to research students. Residency of one complete year is preferred. The monthly charge for a room is from HK\$3,800 to HK\$4,300 (excluding utilities). All rooms are fully furnished and air-conditioned, with self-contained bathroom.

For enquiries about vacancies, please contact:

Ms. Jean Mak

Address: St. John's College, 82 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

Tel : (852) 2817 7102 Email : stjohns@hkucc.hku.hk

(C) Pokfield Road Residences

Pokfield Road Residences can accommodate up to 200 postgraduate students in four types of flats: single flats, 2-bedroom flats, double/triple-shared flats and family flats. Priority is given to newly arrived non-local research students. Residents can stay from one month up to the expiry of their HKU student status. The monthly lodging fee ranges from HK\$1,600 to HK\$3,300.



The Residence is within walking distance (15 minutes) to the University's main campus and Flora Ho Sports Centre (5 minutes).

Facilities:

All flats come with en-suite bathrooms, domestic washing machines and are fully furnished with bed, wardrobe, study desk, chair, and telephone connection. Each flat also contains a small kitchen area with sink, cupboard, gas-stove and small refrigerator for the preparation of light meals.

While lodging fee includes utilities cost, air-conditioning is payable and activated by a smartcard device. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own bed space, the communal bathroom and kitchen facilities.

For enquiries, please contact:

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(D) Morrison Hall

Founded in 1913, Morrison Hall is one of the oldest halls in the University. It was closed down in 1968. Yet, with the efforts of the Morrisonians, the campaign for the rebuilding of Morrison Hall was initiated in late 1990s. The new building is located near the Flora Ho Sports Centre. All are double rooms fully furnished with air conditioning and access points for

campus network. There is a common bathroom and a pantry on each floor. It provides 150 residential places for postgraduate students of mixed gender. Priority will be given to newly arrived research postgraduates. It also consists of an undergraduate residence which accommodates 150 male students. All Morrisonians



are expected to interact with each other through formal as well as informal hall activities. The monthly lodging fee for each postgraduate student is around HK\$1,200, subject to annual review. For more information, please visit the website at http://www.hku.hk/osa/student_residences/morrison.htm.

For enquiries, please contact:

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Email : jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk Website: http://www.hku.hk/morrison

(E) Robert Black College (for short stay only)

Robert Black College provides accommodation primarily for overseas visiting scholars. There are a few vacancies for students.

Applicants can choose from a variety of accommodation, including single rooms, twin rooms, suites and apartments. All bedrooms have their own showers, are air-conditioned and furnished with a refrigerator, a television,



a radio and a telephone. There is also provision for access to the University's computer network in each room. Computers, fax machine and other facilities are also provided in communal areas for residents' use.

For enquiries, please contact:

Ms. Catherina Lok

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Accommodation for married students and dependants

The University does not have any accommodation facilities specifically provided for married students and their dependants. However, they may apply for the flat and apartment run by the Robert Black College (monthly rental ranges from \$7,000 to \$20,000) for the temporary stay. In the long run, they need to rent a private flat outside the campus. Graduate House and Pokfield Road Residences also have limited residential places for those married couples without children.

Off-campus private rented accommodation: An option for all

Living in private rental accommodation is another option for you. Private accommodation is relatively more expensive than living in halls. Most landlords look for long-term tenancy of at least a year. If you wish to look for privately rented accommodation, you are strongly advised to arrive earlier, so that you will have ample time for property inspection and rental negotiation. The monthly rental starts from HK\$2,500 up for a small single room and HK\$9,000 up for a flat. A set of guidelines on tenancy matters can be found under "Accommodation" section of our website at http://cedars.hku.hk.

Hostels in Hong Kong

There are a number of hostels in Hong Kong, in which students can stay either short-term or long-term. Please visit the the CEDARS webpage under "Accommodation" for information and reservation.

Temporary accommodation on campus

A few guest rooms are available in some halls for students to stay temporarily. For those who need temporary accommodation, they should contact the following hall offices directly for reservation and other information:

Name of Halls	Email Address	Telephone No.
Lee Hysan Hall	lhhall@hkucc.hku.hk	(852) 2974 3100
Lee Shau Kee Hall	jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk	(852) 3604 2024
Morrison Hall	jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk	(852) 3604 2014
R.C. Lee Hall	rcihall@hkucc.hku.hk	(852) 2974 2200
St. John's College	stjohns@hkucc.hku.hk	(852) 2817 7102
Starr Hall	starr@hkusua.hku.hk	(852) 3156 7575
Suen Chi Sun Hall	jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk	(852) 3604 2034
Swire Hall	swwarden@hkucc.hku.hk	(852) 2105 6600
Wei Lun Hall	weilun@hkusua.hku.hk	(852) 2974 2800



The University does NOT provide grant and loans to non-local students. It is therefore important for you to ensure that you have adequate financial resources to cover educational and living expenses during your stay in Hong Kong before arrival.

Also, non-local students are NOT eligible to apply for HKSAR government financial aid.

Postgraduate students may sometimes take up research assistantships during their course of study. Interested students should enquire at their departments. Postgraduate studentships are available for those registered for an MPhil or PhD degree. Further information on studentships is obtainable from the Graduate School.

Scholarships are also available. You can find out more information by browsing the website http://www.hku.hk/student/all/awards. Applications can only be made after arrival.

You are reminded that the HK Immigration Regulations do no allow holders of student visa to take up any employment outside their studies. Also student's dependants are normally not allowed to work, either full-time or part-time. Hence, it is essential to plan your budget well in advance.



Banking Arrangements: Making early provision

If you do not have a bank account in Hong Kong, you need to transfer money for use on arrival. This can be done, either

- by instructing an overseas bank, one or two weeks prior to your departure. Arrange them to send money in your name to a bank in Hong Kong (both HSBC and the Bank of East Asia have branches on the HKU campus); or
- by carrying traveller's cheques or a bank draft and deposit it in a local account (personal cheques can also be deposited but may take up to three weeks to be cleared).

The majority of banks are open from 0900 to 1630, Monday to Friday. Most establishments in Hong Kong accept major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard and American Express but the University and most campus outlets take cash or cheque only.

Catering: Where to eat

On campus, you will find it easy to get access to restaurants, cafés and kiosks dispersed throughout the main campus, medical campus, dental campus, amenities centres, student villages and residential halls. In the main campus, there are THREE fast food restaurants offering a wide range of international cuisines, local foods and Chinese Dim Sum. THREE well-known cafés where you can enjoy a range of health food with a sip of freshly brewed coffee, a Western fine-dining restaurant, and a Hotdog Kiosk that is popular among "Grab-n-goers". Fast food restaurants situated at Jockey Club Student Villages I & II, Sassoon Road student halls, medical campus, dental campus, and the snack bars in sports centres all offer ranges of delicacies to fill your stomach.

Off-campus within walking distance along Bonham Road or down to Western District, there is a variety of restaurants offering different cuisines - Western, Japanese, local. McDonald's (Bonham Road) and Pizza Hut (Western District) are both located within walking distance from the main campus. Besides, you will find many Chinese restaurants and local "tea restaurants" down in Western District. There are a number of bars and restaurants in Lan Kwai Fong, the Soho area (Central District) and Causeway Bay, which are all popular among overseas visitors. A number of restaurants in town also offer "Halal" food.

For details of catering news and services on campus, please visit http://www.hku. hk/osa/catering_services.html.





The following estimates are based on 2006/07 charges only. (Fees are adjusted annually.)

Housing

- Lodging fees for university undergraduate halls range from approximately HK\$940 to HK\$1,900 per month.*
- Apart from lodging fees, residents also need to pay hall association entrance and subscription fees, high table dinner fees, key deposit, etc., on a semester basis. Allow HK\$800 to HK\$1,400 per semester.
- For postgraduate students, lodging fees for a room in one of the postgraduate halls range from HK\$1,200 to HK\$4,300 per month.*
- For students residing in hostels outside campus or rented flats in private market, lodging fees may range from HK\$3,000 to HK\$9,000 per month.
- Excluding air-conditioning and electricity charges, which vary greatly with individuals and seasons,
 Approximately HK\$200 per month during summer months.

Meals

- A few halls have compulsory meal charges ranging from HK\$5,520 to \$7,500 per year but the figures do not cover ALL meals.
- For those who have meals in the campus restaurants, estimate around HK\$2,000 per month.

Airfare

Varies from city to city.

Books and Supplies

On average, around HK\$700 per month is estimated but costs vary with courses.
 The estimate does not include PC equipment and software. Some courses also have significant expenses relating to field trips and equipment.

Local Transport

On average, HK\$700 per month.

Entertainment

On average, HK\$800 per month.

Tuition Fees

- HK\$42,100 per year, for MPhil/PhD students for 2007-08
- HK\$80,000 per year, for non-local undergraduates and taught course postgraduate (UGC-funded programme only) for 2007-08
- Plus HK\$350 caution money
- Plus HK\$170 Students' Union fee (for undergraduate students only)

Others

 You may also wish to allow funds for sports goods, durable goods, overseas travel, personal items, services, insurance and medical expenses. The following tables give you some reference figures on common expenditure items:

Household Items (prices are taken at a local budgetary store)

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Household Items	Approximate Cost (HK\$)
Alarm Clock	30
Batteries (AA, package of 6)	7.7.
Can Opener	10 to 15
Comb	10 to 15
Comforter (Blanket)	100 to 150
Conditioner	30
Cotton Bud	10
Cutting Board	20
Dental Floss	15 to 20
Dish Soap (950ml)	15
Dishes(cups/saucers, bowls, dinner plates)	10
Electric Adaptor	5
Frying Pan (30cm)	200
Hair Brush	5 to 10
Hair Dryer	90 to 120
Hair Gel	30
Hair Mousse	20 to 30
Iron	100
Kitchen Knife	5
Kitchen Tools (big spoons, spatula, etc.)	20
Laundry Detergent	30
Lip Balm	20
Moisturizing Cream	20
Mug Cup	10 to 20
Nail Clipper	10

Household Items	Approximate Cost (HKS)
Note Binder (3 rings)	20
Note Sheets (3 holes, 100 sheets)	10
Pantyliners (package of 24)	25
Pillow	50 to 100
Pot (1.9L)	30
Protective Plaster	5 to 10
Razor	30 to 40
Razor Blades (package of 5)	50
Shampoo	30
Shaving Cream	10
Sheets Set (twin)	150 to 200
Soaps (package of 3)	10
Spoons, Knives and Forks (4 sets - 12)	50
Sunblock Lotion	50 to 70
Tampons (package of 20)	30 to 40
Tissue	20
Toaster (2 slice)	80
Toilet Paper (Brolls)	20
Toothbrush	20
Toothpaste	15
Towel (bath)	10
Towel (face/wash)	10
Towel (hand)	5
Winter Gloves (acrylic)	50 to 80

Meal Charges (limited to the on-campus catering outlets)

Items	Price range (HKS)
Set Breakfast	9 to 20
Set Tea	9 to 15
Sandwiches	8 to 28
Set Lunch	17 to 32
Set Dinner	15 to 48
Bakery	3 to 25
Salads	10 to 28
Hot Drinks	5 to 33
Cold Drinks	6 to 33

Transportation Cost

HKU Student's Frequent Routes	Fare (HKS)	Means of Public Transport
Sassoon Road to Main Campus	2	By Shuttle Bus
	5 to 6	By Bus or mini-bus
Main Campus to Central	5 to 6	By Bus
Main Campus to Causeway Bay	5 to 6	By Bus
Main Campus to Mongkok	10 to 13	By Bus, Minibus and MTR



The University provides comprehensive primary health care to registered students through a clinic on the main campus. Medical consultations are generally free of charge. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. A notional charge is also levied for dental treatment and physiotherapy treatment at the University Clinic.

When specialist care and hospitalization are required, these services are provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals. The charge for those holding a Hong Kong Identity Card is subsidized. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity (HKID) card are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalization in government hospitals. You are eligible to apply for a HKID card if you are going to spend more than 180 days in Hong Kong. As it takes time to obtain the HKID card, you are strongly advised to get your own medical insurance to cover your first month of stay. Visiting students staying at the University for less than six months are strongly recommended to obtain their own "insurance cover" for the whole period of their stay in Hong Kong.

Non-local persons without a HKID card have to pay FULL FEES for services and hospitalization in government hospitals. The charges are as follows:

Deposit: Around HK\$33,000 to be paid upon admission

Room charge per day: General Ward HK \$3,300

High Dependency Ward HK \$9,800 Intensive Care Ward HK \$13,900 Special Intensive Care Ward HK \$18,100

Operation cost: HK\$3,900 to HK\$12,300 (for minor surgery)

HK\$70,300 to HK\$300,000 (for ultra major surgery). This does not include charges for tests, X-rays, cast,

medication and follow up checks etc.,

Fees are adjusted upward annually.

Patients need to settle all outstanding charges before discharge.

Please note that many insurance policies are strictly on a reimbursement basis. International students, even with insurance coverage, may have to settle the medical bill first before you can claim reimbursement. It is important that you check carefully with your insurance company on the extent of coverage, and the claim procedures, and set aside a sum of money for contingencies.

Visa Matters

Who should apply for a student visa?

All students who do not have a right of abode in Hong Kong are required to apply for a valid student visa for the purpose of education in Hong Kong.

Application procedure

- Submit your visa application documents and HKU admission letter to the Centre
 of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), who on behalf of The
 University of Hong Kong will sponsor your student visa application.
- Upon confirmation of your student status, CEDARS will forward your visa application documents to the HK Immigration Department (HKID). HKID normally needs four to six weeks processing time. They will inform CEDARS of your student visa application result.
- If HKID approves your visa application, CEDARS will courier the visa label to you.
 - For overseas students, please stick the visa label onto your passport page and present it to the Immigration Officer at the HK airport.
 - For mainland students, after receiving the visa label from CEDARS, you need to approach your Local Police Unit (戶口所在地的公安機關出入境管理部門) for their endorsement. You also need to apply for a private travel pass to HKSAR 因私往來港澳通行證. This may take you another two weeks, at least.

Document list

Please refer to the list detailed on the visa sponsorship application form.

Enquiries

It is the responsibility of the individual student to make appropriate visa arrangement before you come to Hong Kong.

Information on visa procedure can be updated any time without prior notice. Enquiries on immigration formalities can be directed to:

Centre of Development and Resources for Students

Address: 3/F, Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

Tel : (852) 2859 2305 Fax : (852) 2546 0184 Email : cedars@hku.hk Website : http://cedars.hku.hk



Hong Kong Immigration Department

Address : Tower II, 7 Gloucester Road

Wanchai, Hong Kong

Hotline : (852) 2824 6111 Fax Enquiries: (852) 2877 7711

Email : enquiries@immd.gov.hk

Website : http://www.info.gov.hk/immd/

Preparing for Cultural Adjustment and Life in HKSAR

Hong Kong Culture

Language

Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan society. Chinese is the major ethnic group. Locals speak the dialect of Cantonese. Most people speak Cantonese and know English, though fluency of the latter is another issue. Putonghua is commonly heard and spoken nowadays. Some locals may have difficulties in understanding you, particularly if you have strong regional accents. You may also find that you have difficulties in understanding them at first. Just be patient. Try to speak slowly and deliberately. Avoid colloquialisms and jargons if you can. When communication becomes really difficult, remember the magic word "smile". It works across all culture.

Social Customs and Behaviour

- It is common to call your peer's first name. It is always safe to address the elders and seniors in the social circles with their titles such as Mr. Chan, Dr. Wong, Professor Lee, etc.,
- It is best to give your Chinese friends plenty of personal space, particularly if you do not know them well. If you are interacting with the locals, avoid the common western gestures like back slapping, and nudging as most Chinese find them uncomfortable.



- Do not push ahead of others who are waiting in a queue.
- It is not polite to ask a newly acquainted person about his or her income or marital status.
- Squatting on the street and spitting or speaking loudly in public area is regarded as "uncivil" acts. Putting your feet on a chair or on a train seat is deemed as "very bad manner".
- Modesty is highly valued by the Chinese. Display of intense affection, temper or anything "extreme" will very often be frowned upon.
- The concept of "face" (dignity) is very important for the Chinese. Refrain from making criticism and personal remarks on social occasions.

You can find more information about the culture and characteristics of HKSAR on the official websites such as http://www.hkta.org and http://www.info.gov.hk.

Should I bring along my own family?

Before making a decision of bringing your family to Hong Kong, it is important to consider the following issues:

- The airfare expenses for your family to and from Hong Kong
- Higher accommodation expenses as you need to rent a larger flat
- Extra cost for food, clothing and other necessities
- Restricted employment opportunities for your spouse
- Provision of child care facilities
- Whether your children will adjust well to schools in Hong Kong
- The impact on you and your studies if your family is not happy in Hong Kong
- Whether you come to Hong Kong first and arrange things for your family or bring your family to Hong Kong together with you

Some Hints on Adjustment to Hong Kong

- Examine your expectations
- Listen and observe
- Ask questions and seek clarification
- Keep an open mind on the cultural differences
- Keep your sense of humor
- Expect anxiety and frustration
- Get involved in the student activities
- Explore the Hong Kong local culture
- Actively interact with the local students

Drop-in Service at CEDARS

If you have concerns with your studies, emotions and relationships, you are welcome to drop by and talk to one of our counsellors during the drop-in hours.

CEDARS (Student Development & Counselling)

Rm 408, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex Monday to Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alternatively, you can arrange to meet a counsellor anytime during office hours by appointment. All our counsellors are professionally qualified and our services are confidential.





Airport Reception Service

Exchange and undergraduate students may apply for the HKU Buddy Scheme. A local HKU student will be assigned to greet you at the Hong Kong airport and accompany you to the hall. Your buddy will also help you to settle down at HKU. If you are interested, please apply directly with the Office of International Student Exchange Office at exchange@reg.hku.hk. You are expected to establish direct contacts and exchange emails with your HKU buddy before your departure.



Orientation Programme

At the beginning of every semester, the Centre of Development and Resources for Students and the Office of International Student Exchange organize an array of orientation and adjustment programmes, which aim to soothe the transition of the newly arrived non-local students. These include cultural adjustment session, Library Tour, City Tour and outings. Updated details will be posted on http://cedars.hku.hk nearer the time.

In every August and September, student bodies will organize a wide range of student orientation programmes on the campus. In order to facilitate your adjustment and adaptation to the HKU hall life, non-local students are encouraged to participate in the hall orientation activities, which will normally take place in late August. You can find out more details with your own hall manager or Hall Association in early August.



Getting to HKU

From Hong Kong International Airport to HKU

HK International Airport is situated in Chap Lap Kok on Lantau Island.

By Train & By Taxi

The most convenient way to get to HKU is to take the Airport Express Train from HK Airport to Hong Kong Station, Central District. The train fare is HK\$100 for a single trip and the train ride is 25 minutes. It is very easy, fast and efficient. Porters (with red caps) are on duty to help with heavy luggage, and a Travel Assistant travels on the train to answer questions.

The Express Train arrives in an Arrival Hall connected to a taxi rank. It takes only a minute to cross from the train to a waiting taxi. Then take a taxi from Central District to your hall. For off-peaks hours, the taxi fare should be around HK\$50 to \$80, plus luggage fee. The travelling time from Central to the HKU campus is around 15 minutes.

Although there are green mini buses from Central to the campus, this is not recommended as they do not allow luggage.

By Bus & By Taxi

Alternatively, take bus no. A11 from the Hong Kong Airport to Central. The buses are located at the Ground Transportation Centre. Allow an hour for the bus ride. Have a few HK\$10 coins and HK\$20 notes with you, as the exact fare is required. The fare is HK\$40. Then change to a taxi in Central.

By Taxi

If your budget permits, simply take a taxi from the HK airport directly to the hall, the cost is about HK\$350 and the traveling time is approximately 45 minutes.

Most taxi drivers understand enough English to get you where you want to go. But it may be helpful to print a copy of the residential hall's details on page 31 of this book and bring it with you.

By Bus

If you are living in the University Hall or Sassoon Road student halls, you can take the bus no. A10 at the HK airport. That will take you directly from the airport to the Pokfulam district. The fare is HK\$48.

From Hung Hom Railway station to HKU

You can simply take a taxi from the Hung Hom terminal to HKU. The traveling time is about 40 minutes and the taxi fare is around HK\$150, plus luggage fee. As an alternative, you can take bus no. 103 to the HKU main campus.





Things to Do After Arrival

- Check into your hall/hostel directly from the HK airport. Introduce yourself to the staff, Hall Association and start making friends.
- Report to the Office of International Student Exchange, if you are on an exchange programme
 - Collect the information package of Exchange programme
 - Sign up for orientation
 - Register a Chinese language course
- Report to your own Faculty Office
 - Collect the registration package
 - Follow the registration procedure
 - Check out the dates and time of the photo taking session for your HKU student registration card
 - Complete your course selection. You can amend it later on through "Student Connect"
- Visit the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (3/F., Meng Wah Complex)
 - Collect the orientation materials
 - Finalise visa and immigration matters, particularly if you have some unsettled visa formalities prior to your arrival
 - Say hello: we are looking forward to meeting you.
- Opening a computer account
 - Got a password sheet with
 - HKU Portal Username and password
 - HKU Student Username and password
- Login the computer by using HKU Portal information
 - Go to the webpage http://www.hku.hk
 - Click "HKU Portal", then "Student Connect"
 - Use "HKU Portal" information to login master registration



Knowles Building



Main Library



Haking Wong Building



Faculty of Medicine



University Bookstore

- Check with the Computer Centre about
 - How to activate your student email account
 - How to apply for a dialup for your laptop (e.g. ACEnet & wireless)
- Open a bank account/arrange for the transfer of funds
 - Settle any outstanding payments (e.g. tuition fee, hall fee, etc.,) with our Finance and Enterprises Office at 1/F, Knowles Building
 - Shop for housekeeping items like pillows, pillow cases, bed sheets, simple food, daily necessities, stationery items, etc.,
 - Buy an IDD phone card at the nearest supermarket or 24-hour convenience store to make overseas calls
 - Apply for a HK Identity card (if your study period is more than six months) at the Hong Kong Immigration Department



Academic Services Enquiry Office



Students' Union



Global Lounge



Faculty of Dentistry



Meng With Complex

Student Attire

There is no official dress code in HKU. Students normally dress casually for lectures and tutorials. It is a norm for students to put on business attire for the presentation class. Formal dress code is required for formal functions like "High Table Dinner", official ceremonies and special occasions. If you participate in competitions or sports games, you are expected to wear team's uniform.

Smoke-free Campus

HKU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not allowed indoors. Designated smoking corners, however are set aside in the open areas on the campus.

Language

At HKU, the official medium of instruction is English. If needs arise, you may make use of the "Language Resources Centre" run by the English Centre. Individual advisory service is also provided by the Consultants. Details can be viewed at http://ec.hku.hk.

HKU students have a lot of jargons like "submarine", "superpass", etc., It is wise to learn some of them from your buddy.



Student Clubs

HKUSU

HKU is renowned for its vibrant campus life. Students enjoy a high degree of autonomy. The Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU) is the largest student body on the campus. It is independent of the university administration and runs its own Co-op store and photocopying centre on the campus. It has more than 100 sub-organizations, each with distinctive objectives and functions, catering to the diverse interest of the student population. Only HKUSU members can represent HKU or HKU hall to participate in competitive games. For the full list of student clubs and membership details, please refer to the HKUSU homepage at http://www.hku.hk/hkusu.

PGSA

Postgraduate students may apply for the membership of the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA). It aims to enhance the student life of postgraduate students by encouraging their participation in academic and social events. More can be found on their website at http://www.hku.hk/pgsa.

CSSA

Students and scholars coming from Mainland China become an automatic member of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). Its prime objective is to provide rapport amongst the Mainlanders by organizing regular social activities and meetings. More details can be found on their homepage at http://www.hku.hk/cssa. You may also write to them at cssa@hkusua.hku.hk for tips before arrival.



Pre-departure Checklist

Prepare the following before you leave

- Ensure that your passport and travel documents are valid and in order.
- Obtain a student visa for your study in Hong Kong (refer to p.19).
- Make sure you have finalized your accommodation arrangements. For students admitted into our halls of residence, you are required to confirm your acceptance of the offer directly with the hall concerned.
- Notify your hall of your arrival details so that they can arrange for the collection of keys.
- Arrange for health/medical insurance if necessary (refer to p.18). You should make additional provision if necessary.
- For visiting and exchange students only: Confirm the credit transfer arrangement with your own Study Abroad Office. Make sure you know whether your home institute will give you credit for the classes that you complete at HKU.
- For visiting & exchange students only: Keep your buddy informed of your arrival details so that you can be met at the Airport. It will be better for you to send your buddy a photo first, and ask your buddy's contact number.

What documents should I bring?

We recommend that you carry the following documentations with you. Do not put them in your luggage when you travel. To be safe: make photocopies of them and keep them in a secure place or give them to a friend for safekeeping.

- Valid passport or travel documents.
- Student Visa (you have to present your student visa label to the Immigration Officer at the HK Airport on arrival).
- Original Letter of Acceptance from HKU.
- Proof of funds available (e.g. bank draft, transfer of funds, scholarship, or other) and/or credit card such as Visa, MasterCard.
- Address and telephone number of where you are going.
- Your medical records, immunisation records and academic records.
- Documents with details of your insurance policy (if any) issued in your home country.
- For those who are married, marriage certificate if your spouse is accompanying you.
- Passport photo for hall registration.

What should I pack?

Clothes & Bedding

- You can expect sunny, bright and cool weather during winter and occasional mist and showers from March to mid-May, so a shower proof jacket is desirable.
- You may consider bringing a quilt for the cooler days or alternatively buy one in Hong Kong.
- Linen and pillows are not provided in halls. You can get these items easily in the nearby markets of the HKU campus. Some halls will lend you these items for the first few days.

Language

Cantonese is the main language spoken among local students, but students are competent in speaking good English and all classes are conducted in English. However, you may expect some of the general public cannot speak good English. Bring along a good bilingual dictionary if you need one.

Food

- Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city, and you will be able to find most, if not all, types of food here. However, catering for special diets (e.g. Kosher, Halal food) is not available in the campus restaurants.
- In case your flight arrives late, you may have difficulties in locating a restaurant or catering outlet. It is advisable to pack some light snacks such as biscuits or chocolates in your hand luggage.

Electrical equipment

The electrical equipment that you bring should be compatible with Hong Kong's voltage, which is 220 volts, 50Hz. The plug used in Hong Kong has three pins in rectangular shape.

Study tools

Computer facilities are available on the campus and inside the halls. You may however wish to bring along your own laptop for the use inside your room. Most campus areas have wireless network coverage for registered students. However, internet connections in halls are connected via Ethernet. So you may want to prepare a wireless card or/and a LAN cable. You can also buy them at a cheap price in Hong Kong.

Sports goods/music instrument

If you wish to participate in student sports teams or any other student clubs, you may wish to bring along your personal equipment or instrument.

How much money should I bring?

- You are advised to bring enough cash, traveller's cheques, or bank drafts to cover at least your first month's expenses.
- Do not, however, carry too much cash at any time.
- You will be able to locate banks and currency exchange services at the airport as well as on campus.
- You can obtain a bank draft or transfer money to a bank account in Hong Kong through your local bank. Keep in mind that it may take some time to cash a large bank draft.
- Money transfers should be arranged well before your departure.
- There are two banks located on the main campus:

HSBC

Tel: (852) 2549 6121

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Bank of East Asia

Tel: (852) 3609 1812

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bank of China (ATM machine only)

• There are usually significant extra expenses in the first month of your stay, such as rental charges, household items and textbooks. Not counting tuition fees, the first month's expenses can amount to HK\$10,000 or more for a single student. It is important to have a realistic idea of the amount of money you will need and plan accordingly.

Telling the Taxi Driver to go to Your Hall

If you take a taxi to HKU campus, you may show the Chinese sentence below to the driver to take you to your Halls to check-in.

Going to St John's College

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道82號"香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall at 82

Pokfulam Road)

聖約翰學院學生宿舍

St. John's College

Going to Lady Ho Tung Hall/Starr Hall/Ricci Hall

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道91號"香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall at 91

Pokfulam Road)

何東夫人紀念堂宿舍 / 施德堂宿舍 / 利瑪竇宿舍 Lady Ho Tung Hall / Starr Hall / Ricci Hall

Going to Morrison Hall/Suen Chi Sun Hall / Lee Shau Kee Hall

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道109號 "香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall at 109

Pokfulam Road)

馬禮遜堂宿舍 / 孫志新堂宿舍 / 李兆基堂宿舍

Morrison Hall / Suen Chi Sun Hall / Lee Shau Kee Hall

Going to University Hall

司機先生: 請你載我到薄扶林道144號 "香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall at 144

Pokfulam Road) 大學堂宿舍 University Hall

Going to Lee Hysan Hall / RC Lee Hall / Wei Lun Hall

司機先生: 請你載我到沙宣道6號 "香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall at 6

Sassoon Road)

利希慎堂宿舍 / 利銘澤堂宿舍 / 偉倫堂宿舍 Lee Hysan Hall / RC Lee Hall / Wei Lun Hall

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Going to Simon KY Lee Hall /Swire Hall

司機先生: 請你載我到"香港大學"本部校園的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall inside

the Main Campus)

李國賢堂宿舍 / 太古堂宿舍 Simon KY Lee Hall / Swire Hall

Going to Patrick Manson Student Residence

司機先生: 請你載我到沙宣道7號 "香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Student

Residence at 7 Sassoon Road)

白文信學生宿舍

Patrick Manson Student Residence

Going to Pokfield Road Residences

司機先生: 請你載我到蒲飛路13號"香港大學"的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Student

Residence at 13 Pokfield Road)

蒲飛路宿舍

Pokfield Road Residences

Going to Graduate House

司機先生: 請你載我到"香港大學"本部校園的:

(Please take me to the following Hong Kong University Hall inside

the Main Campus)

研究生堂

Graduate House

Directory

Residential Halls

Lady Ho Tung Hall 何東夫人紀念堂

Lee Hysan Hall 利希填堂

Lee Shau Kee Hall 李兆基堂

Morrison Hall 馬禮遜堂

R. C. Lee Hall 利銘澤堂

Ricci Hall 利瑪竇宿舍

Simon K.Y. Lee Hall 李國賢堂

St. John's College 聖約翰學院

Starr Hall 施德堂

Suen Chi Sun Hall 孫志新堂

Swire Hall 太古堂

University Hall 大學堂宿舍

Wei Lun Hall 偉倫堂

Add: 91 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道91號

(852) 3152 6505 Tel: Email: lhthall@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 6 Sassoon Road 沙宣道6號

Tel: (852) 2974 3100 Email: lhhall@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 109 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道109號

Tel: (852) 3604 2024

Email: jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: 109 Pokfulam Road 蓮扶林道109號

Tel: (852) 3604 2014

Email: jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: 6 Sassoon Road 沙宣道6號

(852) 2974 2200 Email: rclhall@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 93 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道93號

(852) 2546 9201 Tel: Email: riccihal@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: Main Campus 薄扶林道本部校園

(852) 2857 8787

Email: skyhall@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: 82 Pokfulam Road薄扶林道82號

Tel: (852) 2817 7102 Email: stjohns@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 91 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道91號

(852) 3156 7575 Email: starr@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: 109 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道109號

(852) 3604 2034 Tel:

Email: jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk

Add: Main Campus 薄扶林道本部校園

Tel: (852) 2105 6600

Email: swwarden@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 144 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道144號

Tel: (852) 2550 6341 Email: uhall@hkucc.hku.hk

Add: 6 Sassoon Road 沙宣道6號

(852) 2974 2800 Tel:

Email: weilun@hkusua.hku.hk

Others

Faculty of Architecture 建築學院

Faculty of Arts

文學院

Add: Rm 801, 8/F, Knowles Building

(852) 2859 2149 Email: faculty@arch.hku.hk

Add: Rm G14, G/F, Main Building

Tel: (852) 2859 2733 Email: arts@hku.hk

Faculty of Business and Economics Add:

經濟及工商管理學院

Rm 733, 7/F, Meng Wah Complex

Tel: (852) 2241 5343 Email: info@fbe.hku.hk

Faculty of Dentistry Add: 6/F, Prince Philip Dental Hospital, 牙醫學院 34 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun (852) 2859 0390 Tel: Email: dental@hkusua.hku.hk Add: G/F, Hui Oi Chow Building Faculty of Education 教育學院 (852) 2859 2519 Tel: Email: edfac@hku.hk Add: 5/F, Haking Wong Building Tel: (852) 2859 2803 Faculty of Engineering 工程學院 Email: enggfac@hkucc.hku.hk Faculty of Law Add: 4/F, K.K. Leung Building 法律學院 Tel: (852) 2859 2953 Email: lawfac@hkusua.hku.hk Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine Add: Faculty of Medicine Building, 李嘉誠醫學院 William M.W. Mong Block Tel: (852) 2819 9175 Email: medfac@hku.hk Faculty of Science Add: Rm G12, Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building 理學院 (852) 2859 2683 Email: science@hku.hk Faculty of Social Sciences Add: 4/F, Meng Wah Complex 社會科學學院 (852) 2859 8016 Tel: Email: socsc@hku.hk Academic Services Enquiry Office Add: UG05, Knowles Building 學務部 Tel: (852) 2859 2432 Email: afss@reg.hku.hk China Affairs Office Add: 9/F, Knowles Building 中國事務處 (852) 2241 5887 Tel: Email: afan@reg.hku.hk Finance and Enterprises Office Add: 1/F, Knowles Building 財務及企業管理處 Tel: (852) 2859 2336 Email: student@fo.hku.hk Graduate School P403, Graduate House Add: 研究學院 (852) 2857 3470 Tel: Email: gradsch@hkucc.hku.hk Office of International Add: 9/F, Knowles Building Student Exchange Tel: (852) 2241 5265

國際學生事務處 Email: exchange@reg.hku.hk Centre of Development and 3/F, Meng Wah Complex Resources for Students Tel: (852) 2859 2305

Tel: (852) 2859 230 Email: cedars@hku.hk 學生發展及資源中心

University Health Services Add: 2/F, Meng Wah Complex 大學醫療保健處 Tel: (852) 2549 4686

Email: uhealth@hkusub.hku.hk

Useful Websites

The University of Hong Kong HK Immigration Department

HK Airport

HK Transportation HK Tourism Board

List of Consul Generals in Hong Kong

http://www.hku.hk

http://www.info.gov.hk/immd

http://www.hongkongairport.com

http://www.td.gov.hk http://www.hkta.org

http://www.protocol.gov.hk/eng/consular/index.html

Semester Dates

Dates of Semesters for 2007-2008

For all undergraduate and taught postgraduate students*

1st Semester

First Day of Teaching	03.09.2007 (Mon)
Reading/Field Trip Week**	15.10.2007 (Mon) - 20.10.2007 (Sat)
Last Day of Teaching**	01.12.2007 (Sat)
Revision Period**	03.12.2007 (Mon) - 08.12.2007 (Sat)
Assessment Period**	10.12.2007 (Mon) - 22.12.2007 (Sat)

2nd Semester

First Day of Teaching	14.01.2008 (Mon)
Classes Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year	07.02.2008 (Thur) - 12.02.2008 (Tue)
Reading/Field Trip Week**	03.03.2008 (Mon) - 08.03.2008 (Sat)
Last Day of Teaching**	26.04.2008 (Sat)
Revision Period**	28.04.2008 (Mon) - 03.05.2008 (Sat)
Assessment Period**	05.05.2008 (Mon) - 24.05.2008 (Sat)

Optional Summer Semester

23.06.2008 (Mon) - 16.08.2008 (Sat)

Note:

- Applicable to non-clinical undergraduate and taught postgraduate curricula in general and subject to Faculties' confirmation of the first and last days of teaching, reading/field trip weeks (if any), revision periods, and assessment periods for individual curricula as approved by the respective Boards of Faculties.
- ** For undergraduate students only. Concerned faculties will determine the reading/field trip weeks (if any), last days of teaching, revision periods, and assessment periods for individual taught postgraduate curricula.

International Student Profile

In 2006, we have admitted non-local students from the following countries:

Algeria	India	Peru
Argentina	Indonesia	Philippines
Australia	Iran	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	Qatar
Bangladesh	Israel	Romania
Belgium	Italy	Russia
Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Cambodia	Macau	Singapore
Canada	Malaysia	South Korea
Chile	Malta	Spain
China	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Mongolia	Sweden
Denmark	Morocco	Switzerland
Egypt	Nepal	Taiwan
Finland	Netherlands	Thailand
France	New Zealand	Tunisia
Germany	Nigeria	Turkey
Ghana	Norway	U.K.
Haiti	Pakistan	U.S.A.

Number of Non-local Students Enrolled in Regular Programmes (2005/06)

Level of Programmes	Student Number
Research Postgraduate	830
Taught Postgraduate	63
Undergraduate	435
All Levels	1,328



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It takes a decade to grow a tree and
a century to educate a person.



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