

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HKUST International Summer Exchange Program (ISP) 2022 Information Sheet for Exchange Partners

Program Features

Students will study at least 3 credits and up to 9 credits of regular undergraduate-level courses offered by HKUST. Local excursions and cultural activities will be organized exclusively for ISP students. A series of activities and events are also available for ISP students to interact with each other to encourage cultural exchange.

Program Period

ISP 2022 will take place over HKUST's Summer Term, i.e. from **20 June to 13 August 2022** with the tentative accommodation period from 16 June to 14 August 2022. Courses will commence and end on different dates within the Summer Term period.

Admissions

All summer exchange students must be <u>nominated by their home institution</u> and have the English language proficiency sufficient for English-taught university-level courses. Please also note that we may or may not consider students whose majors fall outside of HKUST's major disciplines, depending on the School or the Interdisciplinary Programs Office with which your institution has an exchange agreement:

	School of Science	School of Engineering	School of Business and Management	School of Humanities and Social Science	Interdisciplinary Programs Office
will consider majors outside of HKUST's major disciplines	✓	✓	×	✓	✓

Courses

Same as regular term, Summer Term courses are offered by School of Science, School of Engineering, School of Business and Management, School of Humanities and Social Science and Interdisciplinary Programs Office. Course offering varies from year to year. Tentative course list and course schedule for ISP 2022 are expected to be available in January and April 2022 respectively. Each School or the Interdisciplinary Programs Office has the right to open some of their courses exclusively to students from their own exchange partners. Enrollment eligibility of each course varies.

Accommodation

All students will be provided University housing. Students will be assigned to a double room (or a triple room with double occupation) in a student hall for the whole program duration.



Student Visa

All international students (except holders of Hong Kong Identity Card who have the right to land and study in Hong Kong) are required to obtain a student visa to study in Hong Kong. The student visa processing time is normally 8 to 10 weeks. Incomplete application and missing documents will cause delays. Whether a student is granted a student visa is at the discretion of the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Students who fail to obtain the appropriate document for the right to study in Hong Kong will be declined participation in ISP.

Insurance

All students are required to subscribe to the HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan. The latest insurance coverage could be found at https://sfao.hkust.edu.hk/individual.php?l=71.

Program Fees

While students do not need to pay tuition fees to HKUST, each student will be charged HK\$9,500 which covers the following items:

- University housing fee
- HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee
- Student visa application and handling fee

The amount will be deducted accordingly for students who do not need a student visa to study in Hong Kong.

Exchange Quota & Ratio

We encourage you to discuss with us the number of students you plan to send us beforehand and we will try to reserve the quota. As there is a significant increase in demand for ISP places, we suggest you confirming your nominations with us as early as possible.

Exchange partners can normally send students to ISP on a <u>3 to 1 ratio</u> (i.e. 3 Summer-Term quotas would equal to 1 regular-term quota), or as specified in our exchange agreement. For enquiries, please contact the School or Office with which your institution has an exchange agreement.

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Application Procedures

As students must be nominated by your institution to participate in ISP, we are asking them to apply for the program through the study abroad office at your institution.

Step 1: Nomination by your institution

Students should seek the nomination from you. Please forward your nominations to <u>isp@ust.hk</u> from now until <u>21 February 2022</u>. The earlier you send your nominations, the sooner your students can begin their applications.

Nomination list template: https://isp.hkust.edu.hk/files/isp2022 nomination list.xlsx

Step 2: HKUST application

Nominees need to complete the HKUST online application on *MyStudyAbroad* system. Login instructions will be sent to you for onward forwarding to your students. Online applications will be accepted until <u>1 March 2022</u>.

Application guide: http://mystudyabroad.hkust.edu.hk/?go=ISPguide.

Step 3: Post-application procedures

HKUST will review students' applications, and may contact them if more information is required. If the student is admitted to the program, they will need to

- log back into the system to complete the post-application procedures (program payment, activity enrollment, etc.), and
- mail the student visa application and supporting documents to HKUST.

We strongly encourage you to collect the student visa applications and supporting documents for all your students and mail them to HKUST in one package. These documents must <u>physically reach HKUST</u> by <u>17 March 2022</u>.

Visa Application Mailing Address:

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Important Dates

Date	Events	
21 February 2022	Nomination due	
1 March 2022	Online application due	
17 March 2022	Student visa application due	
19 April 2022	Program payment due	
16 June 2022	Hall check-in (tentative)	
20 June 2022	Start of Summer Term	
13 August 2022	End of Summer Term	
14 August 2022	Hall check-out (tentative)	

COVID-19 Related

HKUST places the health, safety and wellbeing of students and the campus community at high priority. Due to the fluidity of pandemic, it is important that students are well-protected. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting students and our community from COVID-19, especially from severe illness and death.

All inbound exchange students must complete a full course of COVID-19 vaccination. We believe that unvaccinated students traveling abroad put themselves at a higher risk of getting COVID-19 and a higher risk of developing severe illness or death resulting from COVID-19. As such, there are no exceptions granted under any situation.

To help reduce the spread of virus, the University has also implemented <u>campus hygiene</u> <u>measures</u> to protect members of the HKUST community. Policies and arrangements may change at any time in response to the development of pandemic. Should there be any changes to the program delivery, we will inform exchange partners as soon as we can.

Useful links:

- COVID-19 Thematic Website by HKSAR Government
- <u>Useful information for Inbound Travelers by HKSAR Government</u>
- COVID-19 Info@HKUST

Enquiry

HKUST International Summer Exchange Program (ISP) is organized by the Office of Global Learning. If you have any program enquiries, please contact **Miss Emily Chow** at isp@ust.hk. Alternatively, you can visit the program website at https://isp.hkust.edu.hk for more information.