

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS)

2024-2025 INCOMING EXCHANGE INFORMATION SHEET



3rd

World's Top 600+ Young Universities
in Times Higher Education Young
University Rankings 2024 (No.1 in
Hong Kong & Greater China)

12th

Asia's Top 700+ Universities (No. 3
in Hong Kong, No. 9 in Greater
China) in Times Higher Education
Asia University Rankings 2024

29th

Global Employability University
Ranking and Survey 2024 (No.1 in
Hong Kong, No.3 in Greater China)
designed by the HR consultancy
Emerging and published by Times
Higher Education

[HKUST](#) was opened as a world-class technological university dedicated to the advancement of learning and scholarship, with special emphasis on research and postgraduate education. SHSS includes a [Division of Humanities](#), [Division of Social Science](#), and [Center for Language Education](#). It has consistently gained top international rankings, a demonstration of the university's high academic quality and the global recognition it has achieved.



With over 1000 exchange students passing through HKUST every year, you really can make friends with people from around the world. Find out more about SHSS exchange experience from our [Student Testimonial](#) !

Tentative Dates

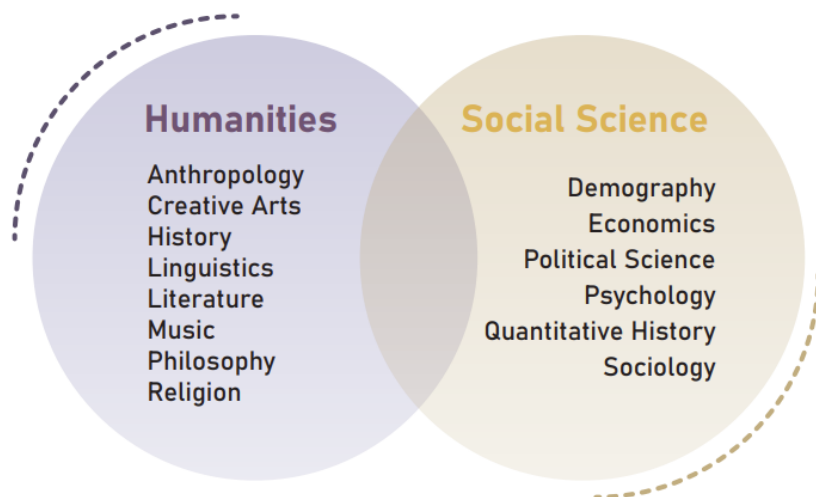
Fall Semester, AY 2024/25 (Semester 1)

Preferred arrival date	Late August 2024
Orientation date	Late August 2024
Classes start	2 September 2024
Exams start and finish	20 December 2024

Spring Semester, AY 2024/25 (Semester 2)

Preferred arrival date	Late January 2025
Orientation date	Late January 2025
Classes start	3 February 2025
Exams start and finish	29 May 2025


Interdisciplinary Curriculum



Learning Expectation

Language of Medium	English is the medium of instruction for HKUST
World-Renowned Faculty	SHSS diverse faculty are recruited internationally and hold doctoral degrees from major research universities including Caltech, Cambridge, Chicago, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, London School of Economics, MIT, Northwestern, NYU, Oxford, Princeton, Stanford, Tokyo, Toronto, UBC, UC-Berkeley, UC-San Diego, Yale, and so on.
Student Activities	Counseling & Wellness Center; Over 100 student societies affiliated to the Students' Union
Grading System	4.3 grading scale , letter graded, with grade D as marginal pass.

Course Information

Course List	<p>Undergraduate (UG) / Postgraduate (PG) course offering varies by term. Below past year course is for reference purpose only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Science Courses (Undergraduate / Postgraduate) Humanities Courses (Undergraduate / Postgraduate) Language Courses <p>Students are strongly recommended to take Humanities & Social Sciences courses during exchange period, enrollment to courses outside SHSS (for example, business course) is not available.</p> 
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Research Centers



Class Format	Lectures, computer simulations, case discussions, individual and group projects.
Attendance	Class participation is mandatory and part of the student's final grade in most courses. Select your courses carefully and enroll only if you can commit.
Course Requirement	Exchange students can select SHSS courses as long as they meet the prerequisite requirements and are subject to space availabilities. Some courses may require professor approval for enrollment.
Examinations	Final exams are within the last 2 weeks of school. Students are responsible to stay in HK until the last day of finals. Requests for early leave of exams are normally not considered.

Living In Hong Kong



Language	Locals speak Cantonese while English and Mandarin are widely spoken.
Getting Around	Hong Kong's public transportation system is considered to be world-class in terms of its efficiency. Getting around by Mass Transit Railway (MTR), Bus, Taxi is relatively quick.
Telecommunication	WiFi are widely available, including airport, major tourist attractions, MTR stations and restaurants. You can purchase a prepaid SIM card or Discover Hong Kong Tourist SIM card easily.
Banking	Most international banks have branches in Hong Kong. On HKUST campus, there are two banks: Hang Seng Bank and Bank of China.

Finance



Accommodation Info

- Only undergraduate students might be accommodated in double occupancy student halls. It is **NOT** guaranteed, subject to availability. Room preference is not entertained.
- Hall assignments are all decided by the housing office. Details to be stipulated in application portal.
- For postgraduate students, [off campus accommodation](#) is available near Clearwater Bay, such as Hang Hau just 15 minutes from campus on public transports or Sai Kung.
- The price range is from HK\$7,000- 10,000 per month for a single room. Rates, government rent and management fees exclusive.



Tuition Fee

Estimated Expenses

• N/A	
• Approximate	HK\$ Per term
On Campus Hall Fee (subject to availability & approval)	12,000
Off Campus Rental Fee	22,000
Student visa	900
HKUST compulsory travel insurance fee	1,500
Food	16,000
Books	1,500
Transportation & personal expenses	8,500

*Above cost for general reference only. Personal expense may vary.



Admissions

Nomination Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 March 2024 (For Fall Semester 1 – 2024/2025); • 15 September 2024 (For Spring Semester 2 – 2024/2025)
Application Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 March 2024 (For Fall Semester 1 – 2024/2025); • 30 September 2024 (For Spring Semester 2 – 2024/2025)
Application Web Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Info • Application Portal Undergraduates / Postgraduates • Please submit the nomination list to SHSS before doing online application.
Student Visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all incoming exchange students (non-Hong Kong citizens), you are required for a student visa to study in HK. Student visa documents must be submitted in a TIMELY manner or will be withdrawn. • Please expect that student visas may take up to 3 months to be approved by the Director of Immigration Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). • For Mainland Chinese students holding PRC passport, you will need an additional 2-4 weeks to apply for an EEP from your hometown after you have received your approved visa label.

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