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**Welcome Aboard**

is dedicated to all new students
who are about to embark on a new chapter
at the University of Hong Kong

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Welcome from the Dean of Student Affairs

Welcome aboard to the family of the University of Hong Kong (HKU)! We are so glad you have joined us. Going to university is not only an academic and personal achievement, but also one of the most significant life changes for you. To help new students get acquainted with the HKU community as soon as possible, the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), together with other units, provides all the support that one may need.

This booklet aims to be a quick one-stop information hub to help all students understand more about learning at HKU, adapt to university life and make better use of HKU’s support services, meet your learning buddies and develop academic and personal goals. I am sure that you will enjoy the new and exciting learning and social environment at HKU and at the same time bring in new insights and ideas to make our campus more vibrant.

We look forward to connecting with you and making positive change together in your university journey ahead!

Dr. Eugenie Leung  
Dean of Student Affairs  
August 2019
HKU’s four-year undergraduate curriculum structure provides flexibility for you to design your own combination of disciplinary majors, minors and electives under proper academic advising to pursue your own academic interests, and enables you to engage in diverse learning experiences, such as overseas exchange programmes, internships, real-life projects, etc. The distinctive features of the four-year undergraduate curriculum can be viewed at: tl.hku.hk/reform/#anchor-2.

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* 6 credits = 120 – 180 student workload hours
** Students are allowed to take additional credits of up to 6 credits per semester and graduate with a total of 288 credits
For more information on the curriculum structure, regulations and selection of major(s) and minor(s), please refer to the website of Academic Advising Office (aao.hku.hk).

Towards the end or after your first year at the University, you may consider going abroad for exchange studies and/or engage in experiential learning required by your course(s). You are therefore encouraged to visit the website of the International Affairs Office (aal.hku.hk/studyabroad) to learn more about the support services to HKU’s incoming and outgoing exchange students, the exchange opportunities, partner institutions, eligibility and application procedures etc. so that you can plan ahead for your studies. You can also find useful information on non-academic support such as visa and financial assistance on the website of CEDARS-Campus Life Section (cedars.hku.hk/cl).

You are welcome to visit the website of Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre (ghelc.hku.hk) to find out more about the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary learning projects.

If you wish to apply for a testimonial/transcript, you should submit an application to the Academic Services Office, Room G04, Run Run Shaw Building. The relevant application forms are available from the Academic Services Office, or the website (ase.hku.hk/asoffice).

**Study Plan and Course Selection**

Formulate your study plan as soon as possible. You can do so by logging into the HKU Portal, reviewing the course and timetable in Student Information System (SIS), and devising a course selection plan for the coming academic year and a tentative study plan for the whole study period. Identify some backup courses (especially for elective courses and Common Core courses) just in case your preferred courses become full due to quota limitation. An e-template for making a study plan is available on AAO website (aao.hku.hk/eplanner).

While you might not be required to declare your major/minor right away, if you are considering a particular major/minor programme, please make sure that you do not miss any pre-requisites that should be taken in your first year.

Pay attention to the dates of the course selection period and add/drop period and enroll your courses in SIS accordingly. Seek advice from your Faculty Office or the Academic Advising Office as necessary.

Please refer to the website of Academic Advising Office (aao.hku.hk/sy3/plan-of-study/important-academic-dates) for the important academic dates.
Academic Advising
At HKU, academic advising helps you understand the aims of university education, the culture and ethos of learning, the available educational options and the paths that can be taken so that you can draw your own roadmaps to achieve your goals and monitor your own progress. Academic advising enables you to have greater satisfaction with your academic experience, better self-understanding and a sense of success in the achievement of personal and academic goals.

If you have any academic questions, one-on-one advising is available at the Academic Advising Office (booking.aao.hku.hk).

All first-year undergraduates will be assigned to a Faculty Academic Adviser upon registration. You are required to meet with your Faculty Academic Adviser once every semester in your first year of study to discuss different academic issues. Check who your adviser is in the “Student Centre” of the HKU Portal and reach out to her/him.

Language Requirement and Pre-requisites
You are advised to pay attention in completing the language and pre-requisite course(s) required by your Faculty in your first year of study.

Some Faculties require students to complete certain introductory course(s) in the first year to facilitate smooth progression to senior years and better understanding of the subject in question. At the programme level, majors and minors may also require students to complete certain pre-requisite(s) in the first year. The failing of which may affect your taking of senior courses and declaration of the relevant major or minor. Please check with your Faculty for the details of the courses.

CAES1000 Core University English (6-credits)
The Core University English (CUE) is a very important course for all first-year undergraduate students. It aims to help you develop the academic English language skills you will need to complete your university degree. The course develops your ability to understand and produce spoken and written academic texts, express academic arguments and concepts clearly and in a well-structured manner, and search for and use academic sources of information in your writing and speaking.

Learn more: youTU.be/sSA6oqQXYsY and learning.hku.hk/caes1000
Common Core Curriculum

The HKU Common Core Curriculum is the centrepiece of the undergraduate curriculum. It stimulates students’ intellectual curiosity to explore issues of profound significance to humankind through four Areas of Inquiry (AoIs): Scientific and Technological Literacy, Humanities, Global Issues, and China: Culture, State and Society. Common Core courses are interdisciplinary in nature and are taught by professoriate staff from all Faculties.

Students of four-year curriculum are required to complete 36 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each AoI with not more than 24 credits of courses being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits. However, the number of courses required and the year and semester in which they are taken vary from programme to programme. You are advised to check with your home Faculty on your programme requirements for taking Common Core courses before choosing the courses.

Learn more: commoncore.hku.hk

Registration Procedure and Student Card

Registration procedure is listed in the following handbooks:

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<th>Handbook Type</th>
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<td>Undergraduate Handbook</td>
<td>handbook.hku.hk/ug</td>
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<td>Postgraduate Handbook (coursework programmes)</td>
<td>handbook.hku.hk/tpg</td>
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Internships and Other Learning Opportunities

HKU promotes a total learning experience approach which combines inside and outside classroom learning. Various units in HKU such as Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), Centre for Sports and Exercise (CSE), etc. provide non-credit bearing, outside classroom learning opportunities to enable you to achieve the HKU educational aims, such as fostering your abilities in intercultural understanding, enhancing your awareness and commitment to global citizenship, and preparing you to be leaders and advocates for improvement of the human condition.

Here are some of the diverse learning opportunities at HKU:

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<th>Department/Network</th>
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<tr>
<td>CEDARS-Campus Life Section</td>
<td>Student financial management and investment workshops, training of student leaders and volunteer work opportunities, Student Theatrical Technician Training Programme by CEDARS-Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre (CYMCC) on essential stage lighting principles and the use of audio-visual equipment to train students to become CYMCC part-time student technicians</td>
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<td>CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section</td>
<td>Career advising, co-curricular programmes, entrepreneurial support, industry talks, training workshops, internships and work placements</td>
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<td>CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section</td>
<td>Person Enrichment (PE) Workshops (Confidence and Social Communication, Relaxation and Resilience, and Thinking and Study Skills), Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), service opportunities and trainings to support people with disabilities or Special Educational Needs (SEN) both inside and outside campus to participate fully in life through SEN Peer Impact Network (PIN)</td>
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<tr>
<td>CEDARS-Student Development Team</td>
<td>Service opportunities, educational funds, leaders’ resources, support for student-initiated projects, NGOs and students’ participation in external competitions and service learning programmes</td>
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<td>Education Team</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<tr>
<td>CEDARS-General Education Team cedars.hku.hk/ge</td>
<td>Non-credit bearing co-curricular programmes for all students in wholeperson education, interactive and lively learning activities</td>
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<td>Centre for Applied English Studies caes.hku.hk</td>
<td>English language support courses for all undergraduate students, thesis writing and academic English support for postgraduate students, an extensive range of self-access learning opportunities and summer intensive courses</td>
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<td>Centre for Sports and Exercise cse.hku.hk</td>
<td>Sports, health and fitness programmes</td>
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<td>China Affairs Office cao.aal.hku.hk</td>
<td>China Vision programmes and joint degree programs with renowned universities in Mainland China</td>
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<td>Chinese Language Centre <a href="http://www.chinese.hku.hk/main/chinese-language-centre">www.chinese.hku.hk/main/chinese-language-centre</a></td>
<td>Putonghua and Cantonese courses, Chinese language and cultural courses</td>
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<td>Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre (GHELC) ghelc.hku.hk</td>
<td>Experiential Learning Fund, generic workshops on issues such as cultural adjustment, work ethics and interactional skills</td>
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<td>HKU Mentorship <a href="http://www.mentorship.hku.hk">www.mentorship.hku.hk</a></td>
<td>Mentees have the chance to look beyond the classroom and learn from HKU Mentors who are professionals and experts from different walks of life</td>
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<td>HKU Summer Institute <a href="http://www.als.hku.hk/summer">www.als.hku.hk/summer</a></td>
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| **Horizons Office**  
| **tl.hku.hk/horizons** | Experiential learning programmes beyond Hong Kong and financial support to students |
| **International Affairs Office**  
| **aal.hku.hk/studyabroad** | Exchange programmes, Worldwide Plus Visiting Programmes, Short-term Abroad Partnerships, Short-term abroad opportunities, and Globalink Research Internship |
| **School of Modern Languages and Cultures**  
| **www.smlc.hku.hk** | European and Asian language courses |
| **University Health Service**  
| **www.uhs.hku.hk** | Health education |
| **University Libraries**  
| **lib.hku.hk/general/instruction** | Library courses to enhance your information literacy skills |

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**Students Under 18**

You may still be under the age of 18 at the time of admission to HKU. In this case, your parent/guardian is required to sign a consent form, without which the University may have difficulty in arranging some of the teaching and learning activities and accommodation for you.

You will be generally treated as an adult and are expected to lead your academic and social lives in HKU as other students do. We will correspond directly with you, but not your parents/guardians, on things related to you such as course enrollment, payment status of fees, academic status, results and grades, etc. Your parent/guardian will only be contacted in emergency or other situations where potential risks are involved.
CEDARS is committed to supporting students with disabilities or special educational needs (SEN) in overcoming barriers and achieving successful university education. We are the one-stop service unit for students with physical and sensory disabilities, learning and developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, chronic medical illnesses, or more than one disabilities.

We provide comprehensive service and support to facilitate your university adjustment and learning:

- Accessible routing
- Information on campus facilities
- Support for application for special housing arrangements
- Special classroom and examination arrangements
- On-loan learning aids/equipment
- Information on funding resources to procure learning aids/equipment/services
- Peer support
- Employment preparation
- Counselling service
- And more......

For more details about SEN Support, please contact CEDARS-SEN Support.

Enquiries:
Tel: 3917 8388
Email: cedars-SEN@hku.hk
Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/CoPE/SEN
**Smoke-free Campus**

HKU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not allowed on campus, both indoors and outdoors.

**Campus Facilities**

**Amenities Centres**

CEDARS manages three amenities centres ([cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/student-amenities](http://cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/student-amenities)). The facilities are open for use by students and staff as individuals or groups. Some facilities can be booked online for exclusive use. Priority is given to students, student societies, and student organised activities.

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<tr>
<th>Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre</th>
<th>Multi-purpose room, meeting rooms, music rooms, baby care room, shower rooms, exhibition counters, banner sites, student society rooms, supermarket, cafeteria, restaurant</th>
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| Room 201, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre | Tel: 2859 8006  
 email: cymac@hku.hk  
 Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm |

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<th>Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre</th>
<th>Multi-purpose rooms, meeting rooms, party room, music rooms, prayer room, lounge, photo studio/darkroom, restaurant, student society rooms, banner site, vCave</th>
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| Room 1A06, Swire Building | Tel: 2548 0074  
 email: fscac@hku.hk  
 Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm |

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<th>Pokfulam Amenities Centre</th>
<th>Music room, games room, baby care room, assembly hall/lobby, photocopying corner</th>
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| Rm 207, Pauline Chan Building, 10 Sassoon Road | Tel: 3917 7543  
 email: pfac@hku.hk  
 Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm |
Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre

Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre (CYMCC), managed by CEDARS, is located on the 3/F, 4/F and 5/F above the Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre on the Main Campus of HKU.

Yuet Ming Auditorium holding up to 400 seats, is a modern and well-equipped proscenium theatre at HKU, which is designed for drama, dance, band show and screening.

Studio 303 with a capacity of 140 seats, is an ideal performing venue for experimental performances in a variety of art forms, such as drama, dance, musical performance and theatrical workshop.

Exhibition Gallery, located on the 5/F of CYMCC with 134 sq. m. of exhibition area, is an ideal place for student artwork exhibition.

Enquiries:
Room 401, Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre
Tel: 3917 1281
Email: cymcc@cedars.hku.hk
Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/cymcc
1. **Robert Black College Dining Room**
   - Robert Black College, University Drive
   - Chinese or Western set meal (table-served)

2. **Rome Café**
   - Level P3, Graduate House, The Jockey Club Building, No.3 University Drive
   - Western cuisine (table-served)

3. **Maxim’s FOOD²**
   - 4/F, Chong Yue Ming Cultural Centre
   - Local fast food and Asian food

4. **Café 330**
   - 2/F, Chong Yue Ming Amenities Centre
   - Western Deli, snacks and beverages

5. **Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre Restaurant**
   - 2/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
   - Local fast food and Asian Food

6. **HKU Halal Food Corner (Ebeneezer’s Kebabs & Pizzeria)**
   - 1/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
   - Halal Food and beverages

7. **SUBWAY**
   - Run Run Shaw Podium
   - Submarine sandwiches and beverages

8. **TWGHs iBakery Express**
   - Run Run Shaw Podium
   - Bakery products and beverages

9. **Starbucks Coffee**
   - G/F, Library Building (Old Wing)
   - Coffee, pastries, sandwiches and salads

10. **Mein Bowl**
    - Main Library Covered Podium
    - Noodles and local snacks
11. EAT
♀ 4/F, Haking Wong Building
♀ Local fast food and Asian food

12. Starbucks Coffee
♀ G/F, Composite Building
♀ Coffee, pastries, sandwiches and salads

13. TWGHs U-Deli
♀ G/F, Composite Building
♀ Lunch boxes and beverages

14. U-Sweet
♀ G/F, Composite Building
♀ Lunch boxes, snacks and dessert

15. OBC Grill
♀ LG/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus
♀ Western dishes, burgers and salads

16. Delifrance
♀ G/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus
♀ Pasta, sandwiches and pastries

17. Pan Asian strEAT Food
♀ G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
♀ Singaporean, Malaysian and Thai cuisines

18. BIJAS Vegetarian
♀ G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
♀ Vegetarian food (Chinese cuisine)

Download Food@HKU app:

Website: cedars.hku.hk/catering
19. **Social Kitchen - Ho Tim Hall**
- Location: Jockey Club Student Village I, 91 Pokfulam Road
- Specialties: Local and western dishes

20. **Social Kitchen - Jockey Club Student Village II**
- Location: G/F, Suen Chi Sun Hall, Jockey Club Student Village II, 109 Pokfulam Road
- Specialties: Local and western dishes

21. **Social Kitchen - Bay View**
- Location: LG/F, 6 Sassoon Road
- Specialties: Local and western dishes

22. **SUBWAY**
- Location: Fan Pui Garden, LG/F, William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road
- Specialties: Submarine sandwiches and beverages

23. **1887**
- Location: 7/F, William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road
- Specialties: Western and Asian cuisines

24. **Dockside Restaurant**
- Location: L2, Block A, Phase 4, Cyberport, 100 Cyberport Road
- Specialties: Local and Asian cuisines

25. **Stanley Ho Sports Centre Kiosk**
- Location: 10 Sha Wan Drive, Stanley Ho Sports Centre
- Specialties: Beverage, light bites

Website: cedars.hku.hk/catering
Download Food@HKU app:
Global Lounge

Located on the G/F of Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre and open to all HKU students, the Global Lounge provides a venue for all types of interactions, informal gatherings, and multi-cultural and international activities such as cultural nights, exhibitions, and concerts to take place. The Global Lounge has offered a unique experience to you and has established itself as a hub of students’ social and cultural life at HKU.

Learn more: www.als.hku.hk/globallounge

Libraries

The HKU Libraries consist of the Main Library and six specialist branch libraries. The Main Library comprises an all-round collection of materials in arts, humanities, architecture, social sciences, and science and technology. The Libraries also has a rich collection of audio-visual materials and reserve materials, as well as the Special Collections which houses a unique selection of Hong Kong materials, rare books, pamphlets, and microforms. The other six specialist libraries are: Dental Library, Fung Ping Shan Library, Lui Che Woo Law Library, Music Library, Tin Ka Ping Education Library and Yu Chun Keung Medical Library. The Libraries provides photocopiers and laser printers for users to make a copy of documents for the purposes of research, private study, criticism or review. Located on the 3/F of the Main Library, Level 3 is a learning commons style facility providing a variety of spaces suitable for different learning styles including reflective self-study as well as collaborative study.

Learn more: lib.hku.hk
Learning Spaces
A variety of spaces are provided for individual and self-paced learning in the Learning Commons. These include quiet study areas, reading and lounging areas and individual workstations. Collaborative learning spaces are provided in the form of group study rooms, more traditionally styled work tables as well as diner booth style places that are well suited to group interactivity.

The Learning Commons is a campus hub equipped with modern learning facilities that encourages and facilitates individual and group study.

- Chi Wah Learning Commons: podium levels of Centennial Campus
- The Oval: 1/F of Knowles Building
- The Curve: 1/F and 2/F of K.K. Leung Building
- The Lounge: 2/F of the Main Building

Learn more: www.les.hku.hk/teaching-learning/learning-space

Sports Facilities
Apart from offering a wide range of sports and fitness programmes, the Centre for Sports and Exercise (CSE) also manages the following sports facilities:

- Flora Ho Sports Centre, Lindsay Ride Sports Centre and Stanley Smith Swimming Pool on Pokfulam Road
- Stanley Ho Sports Centre, Henry Fok Swimming Pool at Sandy Bay
- 3 Fitness Centres in Lindsay Ride Sports Centre, Henry Fok Health and Fitness Complex and the ACTIVE (Centennial Campus)
- Tennis courts at High West on Pokfulam Road and Robert Black College

Learn more: cse.hku.hk

Computing and Network Facilities
Information Technology Services (ITS) provides comprehensive information technology services at HKU such as HKU Portal, procedures on connecting to HKU Campus Network and email service etc.

You may visit ITS Service Desk on the 1/F of Library Building (Old Wing) or send email to ithelp@hku.hk for assistance in using the central computing and network services.

Learn more: its.hku.hk
Daily Life Necessities

Lockers
All full-time undergraduate students can apply for one traditional student locker for use in each academic year. The annual rental fee is $300. Eligible students will receive an email notification of the bidding exercise in August. Alternatively, eligible students may apply for an e-locker on short-term basis. The rental fee is $1 per hour. The e-lockers can be used up to 7 days. The application and payment of e-lockers will be supported by HKU mobile app.


Shuttle Bus Service
The Estates Office operates shuttle bus service for students to travel among various campuses and offices. The service is restricted to HKU students and staff only, thus passengers are required to present their student/staff cards for identification purpose.

Learn more: www.estates.hku.hk/our-services/facility-management/transportation-services/shuttle-bus-service

KMB Fare Saver Kiosk
KMB Fare Saver Kiosk is located at the bridge linking K.K. Leung Building and Knowles Building. By swiping your Adult/Student Octopus card, you can enjoy a $2 fare rebate within three hours of taking a bus trip.

Banking
The majority of banks are closed on Saturday pm and public holidays. There are two banks on Main Campus, with details as follows:

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<td>Tel: 2233 3000</td>
<td>Tel: 2211 1333</td>
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<td>Mon – Thu: 9am - 4:30pm</td>
<td>Mon – Fri: 9am - 5pm</td>
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<td>Fri: 9am - 5pm</td>
<td>Sat and Sun: Closed</td>
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Supermarket
The nearest wet market is the Shek Tong Tsui Market (about 10-minute walk from Hill Road).

There is one mini PARKnSHOP located on the 2/F of Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre. A larger International by PARKnSHOP can be found on 37-47 Bonham Road (about 10-minute walk from the Main Campus). Nearby a Wellcome can be found on 62 Bonham Road. Another larger Wellcome Superstore is at the Westwood (8 Belcher’s Street).

Bookstores
The University bookstore (Swindon Book Co. Ltd) (Tel: 2546 8412) is located on the G/F of Chi Wah Learning Commons, Centennial Campus. Textbooks, stationery and books for leisure reading are for sale.

The Hong Kong University Press Bookshop (Tel: 3917 7815) is located on the G/F of Run Run Shaw Heritage House (next to the Visitor and Information Centre), Centennial Campus.

The Hong Kong University Students’ Union (HKUSU) also operates a co-op store selling stationery and souvenirs. It is located at the 1/F of the Composite Building.

Photocopying
In addition to the facilities in your faculty, there are a few areas, with photocopying machines available for general use:

• 1/F and 2/F (CPD-1 and CPD-2) of the Chi Wah Learning Commons (LC)
• The Main Library and branch libraries (Octopus-card operated photocopying machines are available in each library. Library patrons should observe the copyright ordinance when making photocopies for research or teaching purposes.)
• The Oval, 1/F, Knowles Building
• Room 420, 4/F, Knowles Building (Knowles Digital Centre Ltd.)
• Union Photocopy Centre, 1/F, Composite Building
• Shops along Bonham Road and Pokfulam Road (They provide reliable services at reasonable price. Some of them even offer binding services.)

You will also find it convenient to have an ATM card in order to withdraw money. The HSBC ATM card can be used interchangeably in the hundreds of ATMs located in MTR stations, branches of HSBC and the Hang Seng Bank throughout Hong Kong. There is an annual charge for the ATM card. There are also hundreds of ATMs under the JETCO system located throughout the territory. There are a few ATM machines on campus, respectively located at the Haking Wong Podium, Run Run Shaw Podium and on Centennial Campus.
Postal Services
There is a letterbox on Main Campus situated on the LG 2/F of Knowles Building. The nearest Post Office is Sai Ying Pun Post Office (27 Pokfulam Road, Tel: 2546 2396), 5-minute walk from the east gate of Main Campus.
Postage varies with weight and destination. Visit www.hongkongpost.hk for details.

Baby Care Rooms
Facilities such as washrooms with baby-changing table at all amenities centres, and baby care rooms at Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre and Pokfulam Amenities Centre are available to parent students, staff and visitors during their time on campus.

Newspapers
Local newspapers and magazines are available at the Office of The Hong Kong University Students’ Union (HKUSU), as well as the Main Library, Dental Library, Yu Chun Keung Medical Library, and the Lui Che Woo Law Library.
Level 3 of the Main Library keeps current issues of both local and overseas newspapers. Back copies for the latest month are kept in AV Collection on the 1/F of the Main Library. You may also access online news collections subscribed by the Libraries through the Library website at lib.hku.hk.
Please refer to the Main Campus and Sassoon Road Campus maps at the end of this brochure.

Fax
The Amenities Centres offer local fax services to all students, though charges may be levied. Some stationery shops and printing companies around campus also provide fax services.

Public Phones

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<td>- P4, Graduate House</td>
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<td>- UG/F, Knowles Building</td>
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University Health Service

The University Health Service (UHS) provides the following services for eligible students:

- Primary medical care on 2/F, Meng Wah Complex. Preventive, elective and expensive items are provided at a charge.
- Dental service on 3/F, Meng Wah Complex at a charge.
- Physiotherapy service (upon the referral of UHS physicians) at a charge.
- Health education
- Where appropriate, referral to public specialist out-patient clinics or public hospitals.*

Students unable to attend any scheduled appointments should notify the UHS reception as soon as possible. For dental, physiotherapy, medical checkup, Travel Health Clinic and long consultation appointments, at least 24 hours’ notice must be given for any cancellation, or else a penalty fee would be charged.

Students’ family members are not entitled to the UHS services.

Learn more: [www.uhs.hku.hk](http://www.uhs.hku.hk)

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<th>General Enquiries</th>
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<td>Medical Appointments</td>
<td>2549 4686</td>
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<td>Dental Appointments/Enquiries</td>
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* Notes for students who need specialist care and hospital care in government clinics and hospital

- If you are a Hong Kong citizen, you will be charged at public rate.
- If you are not a Hong Kong citizen, you may be charged at private rate. You should, therefore, purchase appropriate and adequate private medical and hospital insurance covering the whole period of your stay in Hong Kong.
CEDARS, your student service and resources centre, AND your co-curricular learning hub

The Centre of Development and Resources for Students, or more popularly known as CEDARS, provides comprehensive student services such as housing, financial support, visa matters, career preparation, professional counselling, as well as a spectrum of co-curricular learning and serving opportunities.

Financial Management and Financial Assistance

Government Financial Assistance

Eligible students who need financial support to their university studies are encouraged to apply for the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme and the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme administered by the Student Finance Office.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/finance/govt.html

University Financial Assistance

University funds, available to local students, are in general used to supplement Government Grants and Loans. Applications are invited in early September each year. Emergency assistance is also available throughout the year.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/finance/ufa.html

HKUFresh$3000 is a subsidy (HK$3,000) provided to eligible local full-time undergraduates newly admitted to HKU to cover some of the immediate expenses. Applicants must be in receipt of the HKSAR comprehensive social security assistance prior to their entry into the University.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/finance/3000.php

The First-in-the-Family Education Fund (FIFE Fund) supports full-degree first year local undergraduate students who are the first generation of university students with financial needs.

Learn more: www.fife.hku.hk

You will be introduced to all these financial options at CEDARS’ orientation talk “Financing your University Studies”.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/talkonfinance

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Residential Halls, Residential Colleges and Student Residences

Halls (mainly for undergraduate students) and Residential Colleges (for undergraduate and postgraduate students in UGC-funded programmes)

At HKU, residential education forms part of the proud tradition of the University. They are part of the education system rather than a mere provision of accommodation. As members of halls and colleges have to learn to be independent and interact closely with students of various backgrounds under the same roof, halls are a community of students seeking social and intellectual enrichment.

Undergraduate students can apply to one of the undergraduate Halls and Residential Colleges. Amongst these 17 student residences, two of them are financially and administratively independent.

HKU halls are known for their strong hall spirit. Members identify strongly with their halls. Each hall has its own tradition, culture and unique characteristics. Hall members are expected to participate in various activities.

The four HKU Residential Colleges have 1,800 places for undergraduate and postgraduate students. They have strong representations of local, mainland and overseas students. There is a lot of in-depth cultural exchange. Students have very close engagement with the neighbourhood community.

All Halls and Residential Colleges have common rooms and recreational facilities and quiet study area. Toilet facilities are communal. Other accommodation options include university-administered non-hall housing and off-campus private accommodation.

Please refer to the website of CEDARS-Campus Life Section (cedars.hku.hk/cl) for applications and other information.

The table lists out the websites of the HKU Undergraduate Halls and Residential Colleges:

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<td>Lee Hysan Hall</td>
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<td>Morrison Hall</td>
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<td>R.C. Lee Hall</td>
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<td>Ricci Hall</td>
<td>93 Pokfulam Road</td>
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<td>Simon K.Y. Lee Hall</td>
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<td>St. John’s College</td>
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Postgraduate Student Residences

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<td>St. John’s College (postgraduate wing)</td>
<td>All postgraduates</td>
<td>82 Pokfulam Road</td>
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<td>Morrison Hall</td>
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University-administered Non-hall Housing

Apart from Halls and Residential Colleges, the University also administers a number of flat-type residences for students.

Student Flats (Undergraduate students)

There are 12 Student Flats (72 bedspaces) at 6 Sassoon Road. Each flat accommodates six students and is self-contained with its own air-conditioned living room, bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, washing machine and separate main entrance. It is connected to the HKU Campus Network with data ports for internet access in all rooms.

Pokfield Road Residences (Undergraduate and postgraduate students)

Pokfield Road Residences offer students with flats and shared accommodation. Priority goes to postgraduates. The Residences can accommodate for 290 full-time international undergraduate and postgraduate students in four types of flats. They are within walking distance to the Main Campus.
Ching Lin Terrace Residence (Undergraduate and postgraduate students)

Ching Lin Terrace Residence is a nine-storey flat-type residence, most of which features single rooms, houses 126 students. It also features 21 double-bed rooms in some selected flats for postgraduate students bringing their spouses. It is within walking distance to the Main Campus.

Off-Campus Private Accommodation

University Rented Accommodation

CEDARS has rented a small number of flats off-campus as a convenient option for students who are interested in living in "off-campus" housing owned by private landlords. These university rented flats are well served by a wide range of excellent facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, and they are within walking distance to the campus.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/OCH

Privately Rented Accommodation

If you do not want to reside in the university administered student residences, you can choose to find your own apartment or share a flat with your friends or other HKU students. Information on vacant flats and rooms can be found in local newspapers, real estate agencies or from the website of CEDARS. CEDARS gathers information on rooms and flats available for renting in the vicinity of the campus. The information is posted on an intranet database (intranet.hku.hk/osa/app/accom02.form) where all HKU members can get access to easily. CEDARS also compiles a monthly statistical report on rental information. Guidelines on signing a tenancy agreement are listed at cedars.hku.hk/housing.

As a general rule, the landlord will request the tenant to pay a two-month rental deposit and demand a contract that will last for a year or more. Places advertised in the newspapers are generally arranged by real estate agencies and they will levy a commission fee.
Bursary Scheme

CEDARS introduces “Bursary Scheme for Outside Accommodation” to non-local undergraduate students to enrich their residential experience at HKU. Students can understand more about and be better integrated into the local community. If a few students come together to rent an apartment, they can also learn to take care of and collaborate with one another. For details, please contact the CEDARS-Campus Life Section (accommodation@cedars.hku.hk).

HKU Home - Housing Enquiry Sessions

If you are interested in renting a flat near the University or finding a classmate to share a flat with you, come and meet our staff at our enquiry sessions. The sessions aim to provide you with private accommodation information, gather students who want to find housemates to rent a flat together and provide information of property agencies near HKU if needed. For enquiry, please contact the CEDARS-Campus Life Section (accommodation@cedars.hku.hk).

Careers and Placement

CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section is committed to nurturing students to become global talents possessing professional competencies and entrepreneurial mindset. We serve as a platform with all-round co-curricular programmes and career preparation resources which effectively support and empower you to explore and select suitable career options, acquire essential skills for workplace success, pursue a personally rewarding career and make positive impact to society. We also collaborate closely with employers and community partners and facilitate them to identify and recruit quality students and graduates to create values for their organisations and the community.

Stay tuned to our daily email and website for news, workshops and events.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/cp
Counselling and Person Enrichment

CEDARS - Counselling and Person Enrichment Section (CEDARS-CoPE) is committed to empowering students to develop your social capability and emotional resilience, to capitalise on your character strengths, and to live a fulfilling and psychologically healthy life so that you are able to achieve personal success, overcome life challenges and contribute to the community by demonstrating integrity, sensitivity and leadership.

You are welcome to try Psychometer – the online psychological tests on university adjustment, learning, social life, personality strengths, mental health etc. to gain a better self-understanding and identify ways to achieve a fruitful university life. You can also develop your personal profile and use this for setting realistic goals for your university years and make practical plans for self-improvement. Visit psyax. cedars.hku.hk to start your journey of self-understanding.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/cope

Language – Social Communication Enhancement

Striking up conversation with a stranger may be difficult. Pair up with your peers to brush up your language skills and enhance your confidence.

“Peer English Tutoring” connects you with a native or near-native English speaking Language Partner to practice conversational English in a stress-free environment. Spoken English is made easy by chatting about food, movies, travel and music.

“Survival Cantonese” provides practice sessions conducted by Peer Tutors to cover essential day-to-day “Survival Cantonese” phrases for non-Cantonese speakers. It is ideal for newly arrived non-Cantonese speakers.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/cope

Support to Student Groups

CEDARS offers support to individual student societies and groups in various ways from time to time. Under the umbrella of Support to Student Groups, for a maximum of three years, supported student groups which are not bona fide student societies of the Students’ Union are able to enjoy services including booking of rooms and facilities; advertising through posting various CEDARS’ publicity channels; advice on financial management/strategies (not involving any financial transaction); and advice on event management.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/support-to-student-groups
Tips on Adjustment

You are about to begin your university education at HKU. This transition involves some stress, but it provides opportunities for personal growth. Treasure any new experience as a learning opportunity and appreciate differences to enrich your university life. Adjustment tips for non-local students are available at wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/tips.

Tips on Enjoying University Life

1. Make use of your freedom and autonomy wisely: explore and experiment with caution and self-discipline.
2. Improve yourself: set realistic goals at the beginning of each semester and monitor your progress regularly.
3. Manage your time efficiently: use a daily planner to prioritise and schedule your tasks.
4. Learn actively: participate in class and dialogue with professors, discuss with peers, read and reflect.
5. Broaden your perspective: learn about local and world issues by reading news and participating in discussions and campaigns.
6. Maintain good health: exercise and relax daily, eat properly and get enough sleep.
7. Expand your social support network: make friends from all backgrounds, join student societies, participate in social activities and keep in touch with friends and family.
8. Check how well adjusted you are to university life regularly through taking assessments at Psychometer (psyax.cedars.hku.hk) and contact CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section (Tel: 3917 8388) when any need arises.
9. Visit cedars.hku.hk/fye for upcoming activities specially designed for first-year students.
10. Bookmark cedars.hku.hk for student resources, career planning, adjustment advice, information on leadership development, community engagement and global citizenship programmes, general education and other co-curricular programmes.
Student Groups and Networks

Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU)

The HKUSU, the largest student body established on-campus since 1912, is a non-profit organisation and the only official student body serving more than 16,000 students of HKU.

Student bodies of HKUSU include campus media and around 130 affiliated student organisations, each with distinctive objectives and functions that cater to the diverse interest of the student population. These student bodies are categorised into five main groups: Faculty and Academic Societies, Hall Students’ Associations, Sports Clubs, Cultural Clubs and Independent Clubs.

Learn more: www.hkusu.org

Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA)

The PGSA has been serving postgraduate students and alumni. Postgraduate students can make new friends under the welcoming atmosphere from the beginning of the postgraduate journey.

Learn more: www.pgsa.hku.hk

A list of student associations, clubs and societies is available at cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/societiesactivities/associations.

iMAP

iMAP is an online social networking platform for the HKU community exclusively. Members can search for private accommodation nearby, look for flatmates and other fellow students by interest, talent, nationality, current location and overseas experience etc. They can also stay in touch with the rest of the HKU community and share their travel experience while abroad.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/imap
Equality, Diversity and Sustainability

Equal Opportunities

HKU is committed to creating, promoting and maintaining an environment for staff and students which provides equality of opportunity, and is free of any discrimination and harassment. We support equal opportunity and strongly oppose discrimination/harassment. We will take whatever action may be needed to prevent, and if necessary, discipline behaviour which violates the Equal Opportunity Policy.

Learn more: eounit.hku.hk

Handling Discrimination/Harassment Complaints

Our Equal Opportunity Policy forbids discrimination/harassment in activities carried out in the course of employment, education, provision of goods and services, or other activities organised by the offices of the University. Procedures for handling complaints of discrimination and harassment can be found on the website of the Equal Opportunity Unit at www.eounit.hku.hk/en/complaints-enquiries/procedures.

Parenting Needs

Facilities such as washrooms with baby-changing table at amenities centres, and baby care rooms on Main Campus, Centennial Campus and Sassoon Road Campus are available to parent students during their time on campus.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/student-amenities/baby-care-rooms

Procedures for the Resolutions of Grievances of Students

We have a set of procedures for students who wish to make a complaint on an administrative or academic matter. To learn more, please visit ase.hku.hk/handbook/ug and refer to Appendix K of the Undergraduate Handbook Section for information.
Religious Needs
The Halal Food Corner is not merely a catering space for the Muslim community on campus, it is also a platform for promotion of cultural diversity and interaction among university members. A multi-faith prayer room for students and staff members is also available on 1/F of Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre. It offers an option for those who are in need of special praying venue during the day.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT)
We are committed to fostering a diverse campus to enrich your learning experience at HKU.

The Sexual Diversity Network
The Sexual Diversity Network focuses on increasing awareness on the needs of people from varied sexual orientations and promoting a sensitive counselling service and support network.

CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section (CoPE) welcomes anyone with questions on sexuality, personal or general, to speak with us. We also advocate sexual diversity on campus through talks and supporting student advocacy groups.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/cope

Sustainability
The Sustainability Office works to collaboratively develop, strengthen, and realise HKU’s institutional vision, commitments, and goals to integrate principles of sustainability into all aspects of the University’s facilities, operations, and activities.

Our Policy on disposable plastic bottles aims to eliminate the sale and distribution of all disposable plastic water bottles of one litre or less in volume at all university catering and retail outlets, vending machines, and events. Disposable plastic straws are not distributed at campus catering outlets as well. HKU seeks to be a leader in reducing disposable plastics. To do this, we are working to become a disposable plastic free campus by September 2020. We will work to reduce disposable plastic food service ware, bottles, and banners.

Learn more: sustainability.hku.hk
HKU provides physical and mental health services and financial assistance to students who are in urgent need:

**University Health Service (UHS)**

*Emergency Medical Services*
2/F and 3/F, Meng Wah Complex
Mon to Fri: 8:40am – 5pm; Sat: 8:25am – 12:45pm
**Emergency: 3917 1999**
**Dental Emergencies: 2859 2511**
* Support is only available during office hours

When the clinic is closed, please go to the nearest Accident and Emergency Department at Queen Mary Hospital, 102 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.

Learn more: [www.uhs.hku.hk](http://www.uhs.hku.hk) and [www.safety.hku.hk/homepage/pdf/RfME.pdf](http://www.safety.hku.hk/homepage/pdf/RfME.pdf)

**CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section (CoPE)**

*Counselling Service*
Room 301-323, 3/F, Main Building
Mon to Thu: 9am – 5:45pm; Fri: 9am – 6pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm
To make an appointment, please call 3917 8388, email cedars-cope@hku.hk or visit Room 301-323, 3/F, Main Building.
During after-office hours, please go to the nearest medical doctor or Accident and Emergency Department at the hospital for immediate support.

Learn more: [cedars.hku.hk/cope](http://cedars.hku.hk/cope)

**CEDARS-Campus Life Section**

*University Financial Assistance - Emergency Assistance*
3/F, Meng Wah Complex
Call CEDARS at 3917 2305 for an appointment to meet a Student Advising Officer for assessment of your needs.

**Estates Office**

24-hour Security Control Centre Room 310, 3/F, Pao Siu Loong Building
Tel: 3917 2882

You may also find the following useful:

Lost and Found Tel: 3917 2883
Pandemic and Influenza: [www.uhs.hku.hk/pandemic](http://www.uhs.hku.hk/pandemic)
Insurance Coverage

The University has a standard insurance coverage for students. Information on the insurance coverage can be found in the undergraduate and postgraduate handbooks. For details on the insurance coverage, please contact the Finance and Enterprises Office through email at feo_insurance@hku.hk or login to your HKU Portal account to find out more information about HKU’s Travel Insurance by following the path: SIS Menu -> Financial Services -> FEO Info and Hotlines -> Finance and Enterprises Office -> Insurance Information for Students.

You should note that the University would only provide standard travel insurance coverage, and would not insure any personal cash or property of students in any circumstances. If additional or special insurance cover is required, it is entirely up to the student concerned to make personal arrangement at your own expense.

Emergency Assistance When Travel Overseas

HKU has engaged the International SOS (Intl.SOS) to provide general assistance, local information such as nearby clinic/pharmacy, police station, translation services, etc., or travel advice to all HKU students. The Intl.SOS 24/7 Assistance Center hotline is +852 2528 9900. Students are required to retrieve HKU membership number for using the hotline at www.cedars.hku.hk/ISOSoverview (HKU Portal Login is required). Students who contact International SOS for advice and assistance are strongly encouraged to give consent to International SOS to releases their information to HKU, so that the University would be able to provide necessary, timely and comprehensive support to the students concerned. Intl.SOS is NOT an insurance company to provide compensations or financial support under the insurance terms.

Subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of HKU’s Group Travel Insurance Policy, for request of urgent/emergency assistance such as deposit guarantee for hospital admission, immediate medical care and/or hospitalisation for bodily injury or sickness, or emergency rescue (medical related), etc., student should contact Zurich (the insurer)’s 24-hour Emergency Assistance Service Hotline at +852 2886 3977 and quote HKU policy number for assistance.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/overseasemergencyassistance
Contacts of Major Offices

Faculty Offices

Faculty of Architecture
4/F, Knowles Building
Tel: 2859 2149
Email: faculty@arch.hku.hk

Faculty of Arts
Room 4.05, 4/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
Tel: 3917 8977
Email: arts@hku.hk

Faculty of Business and Economics
4/F, K.K. Leung Building
Tel: 3917 5343
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Horizons Office  Room 136, 1/F, Main Building
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- Email: union@hku.hk

The Postgraduate Student Association
- P407, Graduate House
- Email: pgsa@hku.hk
CEDARS Registration Counter for Student Services and Resources

Drop by to win limited edition HKU collectables!

Date: 8 - 9 Aug 2019
Time: 10:30am - 7:30pm
Venue: 2/F, Chi Wah Learning Commons
(The Jockey Club Tower entrance)

Collect 3 stamps for a chance to win limited edition HKU collectables!

- Survey Completion
- CEDARS Peer Connect and High Table
- Out-of-classroom Learning Opportunities
- Lucky Draw

Amstel Tower
AMEC
Composite Building
Chow Yat Ching Building
The Jockey Club Tower
Centennial Garden
Cheng Yu Tung Tower
Grand Hall
Lecture Hall II
Run Run Shaw Tower
Run Run Shaw Heritage House
HKU Visitor Centre

ATM Centre
Baby Care Room
Bank
Bookstore
CEDARS Office
CEDARS Registration Counter
Faculty Orientation Venue
Filtered Water
Photocopying
Posting Box
Supermarket & Convenience Store
2019 First Year Experience – Things you should not miss

At the start of every academic year, Faculties, Departments and other University Offices (e.g. Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), University Health Service (UHS), HKU Libraries etc.) organise induction activities for new HKU students. The Induction Programme series of CEDARS, the Inauguration Ceremony, and the Peer Connect and High Table are just some of the exciting examples on offer. All these activities are designed to help you integrate with the rest of the University and to cultivate your sense of identity as a member of HKU.

Induction Activities

1st Semester

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<td><strong>CEDARS Peer Connect and High Table</strong></td>
<td>The CEDARS Peer Connect and High Table is the flagship programme held in the last week of August to put first-year undergraduate students from different Faculties and countries of origin into small groups. Under the guidance of Student Induction Instructors (SIIs), new students will set ambitious yet realistic personal goals and explore the ideal of a university. You will also be engaged in intellectual dialogue with alumni, staff members and student leaders on themes such as culture, aesthetics, environment and advocacy for a better world. The High Table is the pinnacle and concluding event to induce a sense of pride and identity with the University. Upon completion of the Peer Connect and High Table, you will be able to redeem a Green Gown, one of the most wanted HKU collectables that is available nowhere else! Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/fye/peer-connect-and-high-table</td>
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<td>Inauguration Ceremony for New Students</td>
<td>The Inauguration Ceremony is the first formal university gathering for new students. You will meet the President and Vice-Chancellor, senior academics, alumni bodies and the President of HKUSU. The President and Vice-Chancellor will give an inaugural address and host the Robing Ceremony during which new students will put on the HKU traditional Green Gown. Enquiry: <a href="mailto:cedars@hku.hk">cedars@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td>Financing Your University Studies</td>
<td>At this session, you will be given information on the types of financial assistance, First-in-the-Family Education Fund and scholarships available. Tips on financial management and ways to secure part-time jobs will also be shared. Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/talkonfinance</td>
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<td>Orientation for Non-local Students &amp; HKUSU Fair</td>
<td>This is an orientation session designed for the newly arrived non-local students. Topics include knowing HKU and Hong Kong, adjustment tips, safety concerns, immigration formalities and meeting staff and students. HKUSU will host a welcome fair afterwards to introduce the new students to their student clubs and associations. Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow</td>
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<td>WoW Party</td>
<td>This is an evening of fun, party and music for students to celebrate their new identity as a HKU member, and as a university student. Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow</td>
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<td>Global Kitchen</td>
<td>Global Kitchen is a cultural melting pot that allows you to explore other cultures through food. Not only can you connect with students from over 100 countries, sample dishes from around the world, but also vote for your favourite dish of the night. Join us as a student chef and/or a foodie. Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/ge Enquiry: <a href="mailto:gened@hku.hk">gened@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td>CEDARS Global Career Springboard Scheme (CGCSS) Week</td>
<td>Take a leap into the world! CEDARS Global Career Springboard Scheme (CGCSS) enriches your global exposure and international career learning experience. Every year, the Scheme offers International Internships, Career Exploration Programmes and other career learning experiences in over 50 locations around the globe. There will be an exhibition counter and concurrent sessions at the CGCSS Week including:</td>
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| • Information session on internship and career exploration programmes in Mainland China and overseas countries  
• Talks on different working cultures and preparation tips  
• CGCSS account registration and application methods |
| Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/careerspringboard  
Enquiry: careerspringboard@cedars.hku.hk |

### 2nd Semester

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| University Life Trio  
📅 Feb 2020  
📍 HKU Main Campus | University Life Trio is an event organised by CEDARS exclusively for parents of the first-year undergraduate students, with the aim of facilitating communication between parents and the University, while emphasising student autonomy and self-determination.  
Enquiry: cedars-cope@hku.hk |
| Be Smart: Plan for your First CV!  
📅 2nd Semester  
📍 HKU Main Campus | Key contents of this workshop:  
• Steps for writing the very first CV  
• What makes good and bad CVs  
• Related resources and support offered by CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section  
Event details will be announced in “Daily Jobs & Career Events” email from CEDARS.  
Enquiry: workshops@cedars.hku.hk |
| Preparing for your Upcoming Job Interviews  
📅 2nd Semester  
📍 HKU Main Campus | Key contents of this workshop:  
• What interviewers look for in a candidate  
• Learn great answers to tough questions  
• Related resources and support offered by CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section  
Event details will be announced in “Daily Jobs & Career Events” email from CEDARS.  
Enquiry: workshops@cedars.hku.hk |
| Your Studies and Career: What to Consider?  
📅 2nd Semester  
📍 HKU Main Campus | Key contents of this workshop:  
• Whether career is related to major/minor or not  
• Things to consider when planning for studies and career  
• Related resources and support offered by CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section  
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<td><strong>Eat To-Gather</strong> 🍼</td>
<td>Eating together as a family is highly valued in the Chinese culture, as it is one of the best opportunities to connect with one another. In this programme, non-local students will enjoy a homey meal with a local host family to have an authentic taste of the family life in Hong Kong. Local students are invited to join these family meals and gatherings as “foodmates”. Beyond the dining table, this programme provides the backdrop to enhance integration by engaging both the local and non-local students in deeper cultural exchange through exploring the social and cultural dimensions of food in family meals and gatherings. Enquiry: <a href="mailto:eat-to-gather@cedars.hku.hk">eat-to-gather@cedars.hku.hk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Person Enrichment (PE) Workshops</strong> 🎓</td>
<td>Each semester, a great variety of small group interactive workshops in three key areas are offered to help you achieve university success and live a well-balanced life: • Confidence &amp; Social Communication • Relaxation &amp; Resilience • Thinking &amp; Study Skills Enquiry: <a href="mailto:cedars-cope@hku.hk">cedars-cope@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Student Development Programmes</strong> 🎓</td>
<td>Service opportunities, educational funds, leaders’ resources are available to meet your interests and development goal. You can also get advice and support for student-initiated projects and participation in external competitions, conventions and service learning programmes. Enquiry: <a href="mailto:cedars-programmes@hku.hk">cedars-programmes@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Happy Thursday - Tea from Around the World</strong> 🍵</td>
<td>This cultural exchange programme has been curated since 2017, and student hosts from Denmark, Morocco, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, India, China, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Taiwan, South Korea, Pakistan, France and Japan, have shared the tea and snacks of their home cities. You can know more about your HKU international peers and their home countries’ culture and traditions with tea! Or be one of our student hosts! Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/ge Enquiry: <a href="mailto:gened@hku.hk">gened@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Information Technology Services (ITS)</strong> 🎓</td>
<td>To provide new students with useful information on the wide range of services offered by ITS, seminars including an introductory session will be conducted. Learn more: its.hku.hk/service/training Enquiry: <a href="mailto:ithelp@hku.hk">ithelp@hku.hk</a></td>
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<td>New Student Health Orientation Programme</td>
<td>All new students are advised to attend the Health Orientation Talks to learn about the services, recommended vaccinations and healthy tips. Learn more: <a href="http://www.uhs.hku.hk">www.uhs.hku.hk</a> Enquiry: <a href="mailto:uhealth@hku.hk">uhealth@hku.hk</a></td>
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### Events Descriptions

- **HKU Freshmen Library Orientation**
  - **Aug/Sep 2019**
  - **Main Library**
  - Join the Library Orientation to learn about the services and facilities in support of your study. The Orientation includes a hands-on workshop and a guided tour of the Main Library.
  - Learn more: [lib.hku.hk/general/instruction](http://lib.hku.hk/general/instruction)
  - Enquiry: [libis@hku.hk](mailto:libis@hku.hk)

### Important Dates

**Dates of Semesters 2019-2020**

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<td><strong>Reading / Field Trip Week</strong></td>
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<td>14 Oct 2019 (Mon) – 19 Oct 2019 (Sat)</td>
<td>25 Jan 2020 (Sat) – 31 Jan 2020 (Fri)</td>
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<td><strong>Last Day of Teaching</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Revision Period</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Assessment Period</strong></td>
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**DON’T MISS the Faculty, Department and other orientation activities. Find out more at the First Year Experience website:**

[cedars.hku.hk/fye](http://cedars.hku.hk/fye)
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<td>Online Application of Residential Halls and Residential Colleges</td>
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<td>HKU Home: Housing Enquiry Sessions</td>
<td>19 – 30 Aug 2019 (10am – 1pm; 2 – 5pm)</td>
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<td>First Semester Course Selection (UG Year 1)</td>
<td>21 Aug (10am) – 27 Aug 2019 (4pm)</td>
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<td>2 Sep (10am) – 16 Sep 2019 (4pm)</td>
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<td>Student Card Collection</td>
<td>28 Aug (10:15am) – 7 Sep 2019 (2:30pm)</td>
<td>Rm105, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre</td>
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<td>MTR “Student Travel Scheme” Application</td>
<td>Application form will be available by 2 Sep 2019 at CEDARS, Faculty Offices, HKUSU and halls.</td>
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<td>University Financial Assistance (UFA): Main Exercise Online Application 2019-20</td>
<td>2 – 27 Sep 2019</td>
<td>HKU Portal &gt; SIS &gt; Online Applications &gt; UFA Main Exercise</td>
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<td>Government Tertiary Student Finance Scheme 2019-20</td>
<td>Deadline: 16 Sep 2019</td>
<td>Learn more: <a href="cedars.hku.hk/finance/govt.html">cedars.hku.hk/finance/govt.html</a></td>
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<td>15 Jun (10am) – 22 Jun 2020 (4pm)</td>
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Learn more: [cedars.hku.hk/FYE](cedars.hku.hk/FYE)
Non-local Student Welcome Guide

Welcome new non-local students! This guide covers the information you will need as you prepare for your time at HKU.

Arrival Checklist

- Report to your hall/hostel directly from Hong Kong International Airport (if applicable).
- Check into your student residences and look for the contacts of the hall buddy team (it is usually listed at the hall reception counter, if applicable).
- Report to the International Affairs Office (Global Lounge, G/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre, Swire Building) if you are admitted to the student exchange programme.
  - Collect registration package and orientation information.
- Report to your own Faculty Office.*
  - Collect registration package.
  - Follow registration procedure.
  - Complete your course selection (if applicable).
  *For full degree students from China and overseas, report to Global Lounge, G/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre, Swire Building for the above.
- Visit your visa sponsor office (CEDARS or China Affairs Office).
  - Finalise visa and immigration matters, particularly if you have some unsettled matters prior to your arrival.
- Settle any outstanding payment (e.g. tuition fee, lodging fee for residential halls/colleges, caution money, etc.).
- Purchase housekeeping items like pillows, pillow cases, bed sheets and stationery items, etc.
Registration Procedure and Student Card

You are required to register with the University and obtain a Student Registration Card. For details and procedure, please refer to the following handbooks:

- Undergraduate Handbook [handbook.hku.hk/ug]
- Postgraduate Handbook (Coursework Programmes) [handbook.hku.hk/tpg]

Weeks of Welcome (WoW)

WoW activities are a mixture of fun, fact finding, visits and tours, aim to help you to settle down, induct into the local way, enhance cross-cultural experience and sharing, as well as explore new environment and people. Local students will serve as student hosts to lead these activities and introduce HKU and Hong Kong to you.

Programme highlights:
- Orientation for Non-local Students
- WoW Party (30 Aug 2019)
- HKUSU Fair (30 Aug 2019)

Orientation for Non-local Students

As one of the WoW highlights, this orientation programme is especially for newly arrived non-local students. Topics include knowing HK and HKU, adjustment tips, safety concerns and immigration formalities, etc. The general session will be followed by tailor-made sessions for specific student groups.

Learn more: [cedars.hku.hk/wow](cedars.hku.hk/wow) (Registration and details)

Visa-related

Immigration Matters

It is the responsibility of individual students to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout their studies at HKU. Should there be any circumstantial or personal changes leading to the termination or change of the prevailing visa status, you are required to report immediately to the Hong Kong Immigration Department and to apply for a fresh visa for study. Pursuing study without a valid visa is a breach of the law.
**Visa Formalities**

You should have got your student visa label before you came to Hong Kong. When you cross the point of entry, please present the visa label/entry permit with your travel document at the immigration counter. A landing slip (which is your student visa) will be issued to you, and your student visa status will be activated. Please check the slip and make sure it contains “student-permitted to remain until (a date)” at the top. Keep both the visa label/entry permit and landing slip, and do not lose them throughout your stay in Hong Kong. Staple the landing slip to your passport. You will need to provide it for your student visa extension application or re-entry to Hong Kong (if applicable).

Specimen of landing slip from Hong Kong Immigration Department for student visa holders. ([www.immd.gov.hk](http://www.immd.gov.hk))

**Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID Card)**

Every person staying in Hong Kong for more than six months is required to obtain a HKID Card. In order to apply for a HKID Card, a person must have a visa (with the exception of tourist visa) which is valid for more than six months. You are recommended to apply for it without delay. You will also need a HKID Card for extension of your visa and visiting a public hospital.

Make an interview appointment with the Hong Kong Immigration Department for your HKID Card application. You need to bring along your student visa and passport. Appointments can be booked online at the Hong Kong Immigration Department website ([www.immd.gov.hk](http://www.immd.gov.hk)). Your HKID Card will normally be ready for collection in a month’s time.
Visa Extension

If you have extended your study or your limit of stay is shorter than the normal duration of your study programme, you should apply for extension of student visa four weeks before your limit of stay expires.

It is the responsibility of individual students to renew your student visa before it expires in order to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout your study in HKU. Please approach your student visa sponsor office for a copy of supporting letter before you submit your application to the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Currently, for undergraduate and taught course postgraduate students from the Mainland, the student visa sponsor office at the University is the China Affairs Office (visaapp@hku.hk). For all other students, please contact CEDARS for a visa extension.

Employment during the Study Programme and No Objection Letter (NOL)

Upon the issuance of student visas, "eligible students" will receive a "No Objection Letter" (NOL) from the Hong Kong Immigration Department along with the student visa package. Your NOL will spell out the type(s) and conditions of employment such as internship, part-time on campus employment and summer employment, which you may take up for the academic year. Please do not discard this letter and keep it in a safe place for future reference. For detailed regulations and information on employment during the study programme, you can refer to the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (www.immd.gov.hk/eng/faq/imm-policy-study.html).

Student visa holders cannot take up work in Hong Kong unless they have got the NOL. Violation of the conditions of stay is a serious immigration offence.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/visamatters/visafaq (Common visa and immigration questions)
For more information on banking arrangements, non-local student profile, websites of foreign consulates and other essential contacts in Hong Kong, etc., please refer to the Weeks of Welcome (WOW) website: cedars.hku.hk/wow

Housing-related

Housing Services

Living outside campus allows you to understand more about and be better integrated into the local community. If a few students come together to rent an apartment, they can also learn to take care of and collaborate with one another. If you are interested in renting a flat near the University or finding a classmate to share a flat with you, come and meet our staff at our enquiry sessions about finding off-campus private accommodation. The sessions aim to provide you with private accommodation information, gather students who want to find housemates to rent a flat together and also provide information of property agencies near HKU if needed. CEDARS also introduces “Bursary Scheme for Outside Accommodation” to non-local undergraduate students to enrich your residential experience at HKU.

Enquiries: accommodation@cedars.hku.hk (Undergraduate Students) & pghousing@hku.hk (Postgraduate Students)
Travelling to HKU

Instructions for Taxi Driver (in Chinese and English)
You may like to make use of the instructions in Chinese and English to ask a taxi driver to bring you to your student residences.
Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow
(Arriving HK - Instructions for Taxi Driver)

Social Customs

Greetings
Chinese in general may not greet or smile to strangers, but they are warm to their friends.

Names
A name card should be presented to a Chinese person by holding it in both hands with the Chinese side up.
Use of name: The first character is the family name while the last two characters are the given name. The whole name e.g. Wong Tai Ming, or the given name e.g. Ah Ming are used more frequently. Use of English name is common on the campus. The use of nicknames is common in Hong Kong.
If you have any doubts about what to call someone, simply ask, “what shall I call you?” If people seem unsure what to call you, tell them the name you prefer.
Making Friends
During your stay in Hong Kong, you will have many opportunities to meet local people but you may find that it is not so easy to become good friends with them. Hong Kong people are not always approachable and they may not appear to be eager to talk to strangers.

When you meet a local person on the street, he/she may smile to you and say "hi" or "bye" but not necessarily stop and talk to you. However, Hong Kong people are friendly and good to their friends. Once you have developed friendship with them, you will find that they are helpful and kind. So, it is best to be open and friendly. Take the first step and you can make some close and lasting friendships.

Other Customs
A few numbers bear special meaning: with the numbers 4, 14, 24, etc. being extremely unlucky while numbers 2, 3, 8, 18 and 28 signify good luck. Therefore, gifts (e.g. flowers) or tips (paper money) should never be given in these unlucky numbers. Other unlucky or inappropriate gifts are clocks and sharp objects such as knives.

Presents should be wrapped in brightly coloured paper (avoid grey or black). A Chinese will open the gift privately later.

There are five major Chinese festivals, the most important being the Lunar New Year. This is followed by the Ching Ming, Tuen Ng, Mid-Autumn and Chung Yeung festivals. There are no classes in the University on these days. The festival dates are well published in newspaper and local calendar.

Western festivals are widely celebrated too. Please visit the website of Hong Kong Government for public holiday information (www.gov.hk/en/about/abouthk/holiday).

Meals and Table Manners
Chinese normally eat three meals a day: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Afternoon Tea has also become common in Hong Kong. When eating together, Chinese usually place a few dishes in the centre of the table and share the dishes among themselves. Each one, however, has her/his own bowl of rice. They usually eat with chopsticks. On some occasions, they use spoons to eat rice.
Weather Signals

Hong Kong in general has a mild weather. It can sometimes be affected by extreme weather. Severe weather phenomena that can affect Hong Kong include tropical cyclones, strong winter and summer monsoon, monsoon troughs, and thunderstorms with associated squalls that are most frequent from April to September.

The government has implemented a warning system. Examples of warnings are Tropical Cyclone Warning, Rainstorm Warning, Cold Weather Warning and Very Hot Weather Warning. There are a few grades of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals (signals No. 1, 3, 8, 9 and 10 being the highest). In addition, there are three Rainstorm Warning Levels (amber, red and black being the highest). When typhoon signal No. 8 or above and/or black rainstorm warning signal is in force, classes are suspended. You are strongly advised to stay indoors.

Air heating system is uncommon in Hong Kong. Prepare yourselves with cold resistant clothes and quilts in winter.

For weather information of Hong Kong, please visit the website of Hong Kong Observatory (www.hko.gov.hk).

Language and Slangs

Hong Kong has two official languages: English and Chinese. English is spoken widely by the foreign community and in business circles. The local Chinese community speaks Cantonese, a dialect spoken in the neighbouring Chinese province of Guangdong. Putonghua is becoming widespread while other Chinese dialects such as Shanghaiiese, Hakka, Teochew may also be heard.

You may hear a lot of slangs in daily conversations among local people. Acquisition of some common phrases will smooth your daily life.
Living in HK

Transportation – Getting Around

Hong Kong is geographically compact and boasts one of the world’s most efficient, safe and frequent public transport systems.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow (Arriving HK – Transportation)

Making Phone Calls

Hong Kong is using the GSM network. You can explore a wide range of packages offered by different service providers. When you sign a contract with a service provider, you are normally requested to show your HKID Card, passport, proof of residential address in Hong Kong, etc. As an alternative, you can purchase a roaming pre-paid SIM card.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow (Arriving HK – Mobile phone service providers)

Medical Care

How do I access to specialist care or hospitalisation?

When specialist care and hospitalisation are required, you can consider using the services provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals. The charge for HKID Card holders is subsidised. Non-local students without a HKID Card are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalisation in government hospitals.

Learn more: www.ha.org.hk (Services Guides – Fees and Charges).
Tips on Healthy Living

Food
- General food hygiene should be observed.
- Hong Kong is famous for its gourmet seafood; however, one should ensure that seafood is well cooked, especially shellfish.
- Serious food-borne diseases include: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Amoebic Dysentery and Cholera; however, they are not common in Hong Kong.

Drinks
The government-run water supply in Hong Kong complies with the standard of the World Health Organisation. However, contaminations may still occur in the storage tanks and pipes of the buildings. Boil tap water before drinking.

Air Quality
Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is reported by the Environment Protection Department daily. The Air Quality Health Index provides different health advice for people having different degrees of susceptibility to air pollution, including: people with existing heart or respiratory illnesses, children and the elderly, outdoor workers and general public. Information on the AQHI is regularly reported in newspaper, radio and television.

Learn more: www.chp.gov.hk
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- Psychosocial Well-being
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