

## EXCHANGE FACT SHEET • ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26



### HKUST Business School (SBM)

World's	#1	Young University <i>Times Higher Education</i>	2018-2020
World's	#1	Kellogg-HKUST EMBA Program <i>Financial Times</i>	2007, 2009-13, 2016-18, 2020, 2022-23
Asia's	#1	Best Business Schools in the World <i>CEOWORLD magazine</i>	2023
Asia Pacific's	#1	Best Business School <i>Bloomberg Businessweek</i>	2023-2024
Asia Pacific's	#1	MBA Program <i>Bloomberg Businessweek</i>	2023-2025
Asia Pacific's	#1	Masters in Finance <i>QS rankings</i>	2018-2022
Asia Pacific's	#1	Business School Research <i>University of Texas at Dallas</i>	2005-2023
Greater China's	#1	In Business & Management Studies <i>QS rankings</i>	2022
Greater China's	#1	In Accounting & Finance / Econ & Econometrics Studies <i>QS rankings</i>	2022
Hong Kong's	#1	Global University Employability Ranking <i>Times Higher Education</i>	2025
Hong Kong's	#1	MBA Program <i>Financial Times</i>	2008-2022, 2024

### Campus & Exchange Videos

[Campus Drone Tour](#)

[Campus VR Tour](#)

[SBM Exchange Video](#)

Check out **Ariel (South)** for the Business School  
Check out **Ariel (West)** for seafront halls



### Campus Address & Website

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HKUST Business School:  
<https://bm.hkust.edu.hk/>

UG Exchange Programs:  
<https://bmundergrad.hk>

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## Important Dates 2025 – 2026

<b><u>Application Deadline</u></b> Fall & Yr-Long: 13 Apr 2025 Spring: 30 Sep 2025	<b><u>Online Applications</u></b> <a href="https://mystudyabroad.hkust.edu.hk">https://mystudyabroad.hkust.edu.hk</a> <i>*Students can access this system only after they have been nominated.</i>
<b><u>Academic Year</u></b> Fall: 01 Sep – 19 Dec 2025 Spring: 02 Feb – 29 May 2026 Yr-Long: 01 Sep 2025 – 29 May 2026 Note: HKUST has <u>13</u> weeks of teaching per semester	<b><u>Academic Calendar</u></b> <a href="#">HKUST 2025-26 Academic Year</a> <i>*with holidays and study breaks</i> <b><u>Expected Arrival Date</u></b> <i>*Depends on earliest dorm check-in dates</i> Fall and Yr-long: 27 Aug 2025 Spring: 28 Jan 2026 (TBC)
<b><u>Orientation Dates</u></b> Fall & Yr-long: 29 Aug 2025 Spring: 30 Jan 2026 (TBC) Note: It is usually held on the last working day before semester start.	<b><u>Orientation Program</u></b> Orientation is compulsory. Students will be briefed on the Student Center System, add/drop procedures, student ID card registration, etc. The Office of Global Learning will often organize various activities during orientation week.

## Exchange Student Fee

<u>Exchange Student Fee HKD</u>		Office of Global Learning will charge an <i>Exchange Student fee</i> that includes these items (in HKD):													
Semester:	\$ 16,000	<table><tr><td></td><td>Student Visa</td><td>Insurance</td><td>Accommodations</td></tr><tr><td>Semester</td><td rowspan="2">\$600</td><td>\$1,000</td><td>\$14,400</td></tr><tr><td>Year-long</td><td>\$1,500</td><td>\$29,900</td></tr></table>				Student Visa	Insurance	Accommodations	Semester	\$600	\$1,000	\$14,400	Year-long	\$1,500	\$29,900
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Year-long		\$1,500	\$29,900												
Year-long:	\$ 32,000														
Payment:	Online, Credit Card	Details provided in the online 'Welcome Notes' on the system.													

## Student Visa

<b><u>Student Visa Fee HKD</u></b> <i>*Part of the Exchange Student Fee</i> Visa Fee: \$600 Fall Deadline: 23 May 2025 Spring Deadline: Nov 2025 (TBC)	All foreign students without the right of abode, right to land in HK or dependent's visa need a student visa to study in HK. Applications are handled by the Office of Global Learning, which will submit them to the Immigration Department. Students will receive the visa by email once ready. Student visa documents must be submitted <b>TIMELY</b> or will be withdrawn. Details provided in the online 'Welcome Notes' on the system.
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## Compulsory Travel Insurance

<b><u>Insurance Fees HKD</u></b> <i>*Part of the Exchange Student Fee</i> Semester: \$1,000 Year-long: \$1,500	All exchange students are required to subscribe to the University's Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan. SFAO website for details: <a href="https://sfao.hkust.edu.hk/individual.php?l=17">https://sfao.hkust.edu.hk/individual.php?l=17</a>
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## Exchange Buddy Programs

<b><u>SBM Buddy Program Activities</u></b> There are 3 official activities a semester: 1) Hong Kong Island Tour • Stanley & the Peak Tour 2) West Kowloon Cultural Day • Xiqu Centre & M+/Palace Museum 3) HK Local Culture Tour • Mahjong experience and city tour Fall: 30 Aug, 6 & 13 Sep 2025 Spring: 31 Jan, 7 & 14 Feb 2026 (TBC)	<b><u>SBM Buddy Program</u></b> Exchange students are assigned a Business (SBM) buddy. This buddy is a local business school student who has gone and/or will go on exchange. The buddy will assist the exchange student with airport reception, settling in on-campus, and various other matters to help students adapt to their new environment during the semester. <b><u>OGL Buddy Program</u></b> Besides the SBM buddy, exchange students can opt to also join a secondary Buddy Program offered by the Office of Global Learning.
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## University-Provided Accommodations

### Housing Application

Students can indicate if they opt for university-provided housing in the exchange application.

### Residential Period

Year-long: 27-Aug 2025 to 02-Jun 2026

Fall 2025: 27-Aug 2025 to 03-Jan 2026

Spring 2026: TBC

(Spring 2025 for Reference: 27-Jan 2024 to 03-Jun 2025)

### Housing Charges HKD

\*Part of the Exchange Student Fee

Semester: \$14,400

Year-long: \$29,900

All exchange students are accommodated in university-provided double occupancy student halls. There are 9 on-campus halls and 1 off-campus hall for UG students.

Hall assignments are all decided by the housing office. Except for the off-campus Jockey Club Hall, all other on-campus hall preferences will not be entertained. Roommate preferences are also not entertained.

No bed linen/pillows/blankets are provided due to sanitary reasons. Students are recommended to purchase a bed protector for the duration of their stay.

Types of Student Halls:

<https://shrl.ust.hk/student-housing/undergraduate-housing>

Housing Office Inquiry Email: [ughousing@ust.hk](mailto:ughousing@ust.hk).

Details provided in the online 'Welcome Notes' on the system.

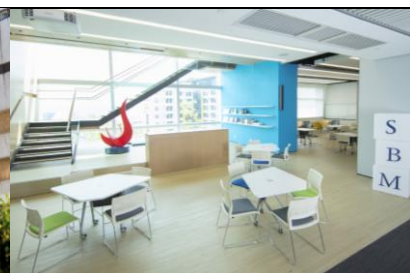


## Estimated Living Expenses

### Estimated Break-Down of Costs per Semester for reference (in HKD):

Food (no meal plan, roughly HK\$35/meal on-campus)	\$14,000
Exchange Student Fee (Insurance, Visa, Housing)	\$16,000
Books and Supplies	\$ 1,500
Local Transportation, Personal and Incidental Expenses*	\$ 12,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$43,500 (~US\$5,600)</b>

\* This category of expenses includes entertainment and shopping at a reasonable level on weekends. It does not include travel outside Hong Kong for holiday.



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## Available Subjects & Course Outlines

### Course Descriptions

University-wide subjects:

- [2024-25 Course Catalog](#)

### Course Timetable and Outlines

Past timetable with course outlines:

- [Fall 2024 Course Offerings](#)
- [Spring 2025 Course Offerings](#)
- [Past Timetables](#)

### Putonghua Language Courses

[LANG1411 – LANG1415](#)

For non-Chinese background students



### Business Subjects (PG courses not permitted)

[Accounting](#)

[Global Business](#)\*

[Operations Management](#)

[Economics](#)

[Information Systems](#)

[Management](#)\*

[Finance](#)\*

[Business Statistics](#)

[Marketing](#)\*

\*Popular courses. Students selecting these subjects must have alternatives.

Students can select non-business courses in Sciences, Engineering, Languages, and other subjects such as:

### Other Subjects

ENTR – Entrepreneurship

[ENVR](#) / [SUST](#) – Environment or Sustainability

[HUMA](#) / [SOSC](#) – Humanities & Social Sciences

[LIFS](#) – Life Sciences

[OCES](#) – Ocean Science

[RMBI](#) – Risk Management & Business Intelligence

### IMPORTANT

No guarantee for required courses. Students must be flexible with course options.

### ISOM2010

Not available for exchange.

### ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend ALL courses in person. Early exam leave for personal reasons will not be entertained.

## Learning Expectations

Language of Instruction:	English is the medium of instruction for the Business School
Class Format:	Lectures, Case Analysis/Presentations, Papers, and Projects
Class Attendance:	Class attendance is mandatory until the last day of classes
Class Participation:	Class participation is part of the student's final grade in most courses
Course Grading:	4.3 grading scale, letter graded, with grade D as marginal pass; final course grade often based on class participation, projects, case analysis, mid-term and final exams. Some courses are graded on a curve.
Class Size:	Normally 30 – 40 students per a class for 2000 - 4000 level courses.
Course Load:	A maximum total of 5 courses within 17 credits in total.
Course Choices:	Exchange students can select if the prerequisite requirements are met and space is available. Some courses may require professor approval to enroll.
Examinations:	Exam formats vary. Final exams are written in the last 2 weeks of the term. Students are responsible for remaining in HK until the last day of finals. Requests for early exams are normally not considered.
Transcripts:	Students receive 2 free e-transcripts around 6-8 weeks after the semester: one to their personal emails and one to their home institutions.

## Student Services



### Student Academic Advising

Academic advising is available from the SBM Exchange Programs Office.

### Wellness and Student Counseling

Wellness counseling is available from a Wellness Manager in SBM Programs Office to assist students with special cases and can be reached at:

[bmugexch@ust.hk](mailto:bmugexch@ust.hk). Counselling and Wellness Center at HKUST also support students who need additional support. SAO website: <https://counsel.ust.hk/>

### Student Housing & Residential Life Office (SHRLO)

Housing applications and other related issues are managed by SHRLO.

SHRLO website: <https://shrl.hkust.edu.hk/residential-halls/ug>

### Student Medical and Dental Clinics

Students can visit the on-campus medical and dental clinics with their student ID cards. Basic medical consultation services are free of charge while oral examination charges HK\$10. Health, Safety and Environment Office website: <https://hseo.ust.hk/clinic>

### Special Educational Needs (SEN)

HKUST takes a proactive role to ensure and cultivate a positive learning environment for all students, including those with disabilities and SEN.

SEN website: <https://sen.hkust.edu.hk/index.php>

### Office of Global Learning (OGL)

OGL supports University's incoming and outgoing study abroad programs. They also handle student visa and arrange activities for international students. OGL website: <https://studyabroad.hkust.edu.hk/>

### Computer Services (ITSO)

Each exchange student is given access to the online University's Student Information System (SIS) and an e-mail account after official registration. For overview, refer to ITSO website: <https://itso.hkust.edu.hk/>.

### On-Campus Sports & Recreation Facilities

Exchange students will be given a student identity card to access to many sports and amenities facilities on campus. Website links:

<https://sao.ust.hk/eng/detail.php?catid=14&sid=116&tid=124>

<https://sao.ust.hk/eng/detail.php?catid=15&sid=151>

## HKUST Summer School

HKUST offers a Summer School exchange with two 4-weeks or a full 8-weeks session. 1-2 courses can be enrolled each session for a total of 3 courses:

2025	Session 1	Session 2
Arrival	12 Jun	10 Jul
Class	16 Jun – 12 Jul	14 Jul – 9 Aug

Website [Link](#) / Brochure [Link](#) / Email [summer.school@ust.hk](mailto:summer.school@ust.hk)

For UG exchange students or UG fee-paying students. Partners can reserve quota and nominate students. SBM partners can email [bmugexch@ust.hk](mailto:bmugexch@ust.hk) quota or inquiries.

Partner nomination Deadline	15 Feb 2025
Student application – Early Round	18 Feb 2025
Student application – Main Round	10 Mar 2025

## More Summer Opportunities

### Summer Exchange Research Opportunities

UG students from Exchange partners can take up placement for 8-weeks in the summer at HKUST. Partners can nominate students to the program. Acceptance decision rests on the research project Professor at HKUST.

Deadlines	2025
Partner Nominations	5 Feb 2025
Student Applications	15 Feb 2025

Details [link](#) / Email [summer.school@ust.hk](mailto:summer.school@ust.hk)

### Summer Exchange Internship Opportunities

Summer internships opportunities available for YEAR-LONG exchange students. Internship duration is fixed and facilitated by the HKUST Career Center. It is not guaranteed.

Duration: Beg Jun - Beg Aug (10 weeks).

HKUST will assist students with visa and accommodation applications, which will be at the students' own expense.

Email [study.abroad@ust.hk](mailto:study.abroad@ust.hk)