HKUST
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM
2023-24
Overview

Duration of Exchange
1 Term or 1 Academic Year

Deadline for Applications

Fall Term (September to December): 31 March 2023
Spring Term (February to May): 30 September 2023
Summer: please refer to the program website at https://isp.hkust.edu.hk

Nomination Deadline:
Half month before the application deadline specified

Application Details
Application details can be obtained at http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange/incoming/application-procedures

Supporting Documents Required for Application
- Official academic transcript (with English translation if necessary)
- Photocopy of the photo page of the national passport

Language Requirement
Students should have a comparable proficiency in the English language as our courses are mainly conducted in English.
Academics

Academic Year

Fall Term: 1 September to 19 December 2023
Spring Term: 31 January to 29 May 2024

Credit Requirement

Minimum credit per term is 12 and maximum credit load is 18. A course normally carries 3 or 4 credits.

Course Restrictions

Generally speaking, science exchange students will have priority in taking science courses including chemistry, environmental science, life science, mathematics, ocean science and physics. For courses offered in other Schools, it will be subject to the availability of seats and approval of the course instructor. Due to limited seats, exchange students are unlikely to enroll in chemistry laboratory courses.

Course Levels

Science exchange students are allowed to take postgraduate courses subject to the requirements of the course pre-requisites (if any), the availability of seats and approval of the course instructor.

Please note that postgraduate courses for exchange students are limited since most are under the self-financed programs which are not open to exchange students.
Courses Offered

Please see the “Course Catalog” at http://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/.

Please be flexible in designing your study plan as not all courses stated in the Course Catalog are offered every Term. Confirmed courses and class schedules for the forthcoming term are normally finalized until late July for Fall Term and late December for Spring Term respectively.

To check courses offered over the past Terms, please visit the Class Schedule & Quota Website at https://w5.ab.ust.hk/wcq/cgi-bin/2210/.

Language Courses

Chinese and other language courses, including both credit-bearing, and non-credit bearing but fee-paying ones, are offered during the term. Relevant information will be available around the start of each term.

Academic Transcripts

Original copies of the student’s official transcript will be sent to his/her home institution (upon student’s consent) at the end of the exchange period.

Students can order extra transcripts at a fee. Please see relevant website of our Academic Records and Registration, Academic Registry at https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/transcript-grading for details.
Visa Application

Students who do not have the right of abode or right to land and wish to study in Hong Kong are required to obtain a valid student visa/entry permit before coming to Hong Kong.

More information can be found at the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (http://www.immd.gov.hk).

Application Procedure

The Office of Global Learning of HKUST will assist all exchange students in applying for Student Visa. The visa application procedures will be found in the admission package to exchange students.

Application usually takes about 8 to 10 weeks after all requested documents are received.

Work During Exchange

Exchange students are not permitted to work on or off campus throughout the entire period of study in Hong Kong.
Compulsory Plan

It is compulsory for exchange students to have sufficient insurance coverage for the entire exchange period at HKUST arranged prior to their departure for Hong Kong. Students must subscribe to the mandatory University Medical Insurance Scheme for Exchange Students in HKUST. Updated and relevant insurance information will be included in the admission package to students. Students who fail to comply with the insurance requirements will not be able to officially register at HKUST.

On-campus Health Services

All registered students at HKUST are entitled to have complimentary medical consultation and medication at the on-campus clinic. However, please note that HKUST’s health care service does not cover hospitalization.

Medical Examination

No health or medical examination is required of exchange students.
University-provided Housing

Students will be arranged with university accommodation as far as possible. You will be assigned to a double or triple room in a undergraduate student hall for the program duration. More information is available at https://studyabroad.hkust.edu.hk/inbound/arrival/living-matters/.

Application Procedure

Students are required to complete the housing application procedures on or before the deadline designated by the Student Housing and Residential Life Office. More details will be provided in the admission package to exchange students.

Self-arranged Accommodation

The Student Housing and Residential Life Office also provides students with relevant information and advice on self-arranged accommodation, please refer to http://shrl.ust.hk/ for details.
Recommended Arrival Date

Fall Term: end of August 2023
Spring Term: end of January 2024
(Exact dates to be confirmed)

Orientation Program

A series of orientation activities for exchange students, such as cultural tours, workshops, etc, will be arranged by the Office of Global Learning. The School of Science will also hold an academic induction session exclusively for science exchange students.

Most of the orientation activities are free. If fees are charged, the range will be within a few hundred Hong Kong dollars.

Other Services

Details of other services for exchange students are available at:

Office of Global Learning
https://studyabroad.hkust.edu.hk/

Dean of Students’ Office
https://dst.hkust.edu.hk/
## Estimated Living Expenses

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<td>UG Exchange Fee</td>
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<td>(covering housing, student visa &amp; insurance)</td>
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<td>Compulsory Hall Meal Charges</td>
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<td>Transportation &amp; Other Personal Expenses</td>
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Total (Per Term): 40,000
(around USD 5,100)

*The above figures are for reference only and are subject to adjustment and confirmation*
Websites

HKUST
http://hkust.edu.hk

School of Science
http://science.hkust.edu.hk

Science International Exchange Program
http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange

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