

HKBU Summer Programme 2015

Summer Study in Asia's World City

Hong Kong is in the heart of Asia and a gateway to Mainland China. It is a world class cosmopolitan city where east and west blend in many ways. It is an exciting and dynamic destination. Your living and learning experiences at Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) will be enriching and unforgettable. It is a place where we seriously promote scholarly work and engage students in internationalized activities on campus.

Eligibility

Any undergraduate student in good academic standing from a Hong Kong Baptist University exchange partnership institution interested in learning in a highly vibrant city setting is invited to apply. Once enrolled, you will be studying and interacting alongside with other international students as well as local and Mainland students inside the same classrooms.

If you are not a native English speaker, you are required to have a minimum score of 550 (paper-based) / 213 (computer-based) / 80 (internet-based) or above in TOEFL; or a score of 6.0 or above in IELTS, unless otherwise exempted per the terms of the partnership agreement between HKBU and your home institution.

Programme Set-up and Courses Offered

The programme will run for approximately four weeks from 2 July, the arrival date for international students from abroad, and will finish by 31 July, the date set for departure.

All courses offered are credit-bearing and each carries 2 or 3 credits. The maximum study load for the one-month long summer programme is 6-credit hours. Over 30 courses will be offered in the areas of Business, Communication, Economics, English, Film, Finance, History, Journalism, Marketing, Religion, Science and Sociology. English will be the medium of instruction. Students who have completed the programme will be issued official transcripts by the HKBU Academic Registry. Deadline for application is **27 February 2015 (Friday)**.

For more details about the HKBU Summer Programme 2015 course offerings, please refer to the link below:

http://ar.hkbu.edu.hk/curr/ug_std/course_reg_withdrawal/course_offer_exchange_intl_visiting_std/summer/

(Note that HIST2106 will be taught in Putonghua while GDAR1065 and GDSC1027 will be taught in English supplemented by Putonghua)

Built-in Cultural Enrichment Component

Cultural and leisure activities are built into the programme so that students will have the opportunities to experience and learn about China and Hong Kong. The highlight of the programme is a trip to Zhuhai and its vicinity for three days to learn about the history and culture of the Pearl River Delta region. Plans are underway for students to visit a production facility in the area as well as to learn about the business sector in China firsthand.

Calendar

A brief summary of the tentative schedule for the 2015 Programme is as follows:

<i>2 July</i>	Arrival
<i>3 July</i>	Orientation
<i>4 July</i>	Activity Day
<i>6 July</i>	First Day of Classes
<i>8 July</i>	Activity Day
<i>11 July</i>	Activity Day
<i>17 - 19 July</i>	Zhuhai and Pearl River Delta Tour
<i>22 July</i>	Course Activity
<i>27 July</i>	Last day of Classes
<i>29 - 30 July</i>	Examinations

Accommodation

Students are housed in the University's 21-storey Undergraduate Halls on the Baptist University Road Campus (BURC). The Undergraduate Halls are composed of the South Tower and the North Tower providing some 800 rooms. Majority of the rooms accommodate two students and are air-conditioned (separately controlled in each room). For each occupant, the provision includes one bed, closet, desk and shelf, one chair, and one LAN point and wifi connected to the University's network system.

Linens (sheets, blankets and pillows) are provided, every two rooms share a common restroom and shower facility. There is no telephone in the bedroom, but you can use the public telephones at the common areas of the Halls. Other facilities include a common lounge (with a small pantry) on each floor, a music / TV room, a multi-purpose room, a table tennis room, a computer room, a study room, and a laundry area.

Costs

Since this is an exchange programme, no tuition fees will be charged. The programme estimated expenses will be a bit lower than other similar summer programmes. Here are the itemized expenses*:

FEES	HK\$	US\$**
Administration Fees (covers visa processing, courier fees and other misc. expenses)	HK\$1,600	US\$206
Accommodation on-Campus	HK\$180 per person per day Total: HK\$5,220 (for 29 days of stay)	US\$23 per person per day Total: US\$674
Activities Fees (including a trip to Zhuhai and the Pearl River Delta & other day trips in Hong Kong)	HK\$5,000	US\$645
Total Fees collected by HKBU	HK\$11,820	US\$1,525
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Food	HK\$4,500 (Estimated)	US\$581 (Estimated)
Books, Transportation & Misc.	HK\$3,000 (Estimated)	US\$387 (Estimated)

*Estimated expenses do not include expenses for plane ticket and visa application to China

**US\$1 is roughly pegged to HK\$7.75

Application Procedure

- 1) Complete the attached Application for Enrollment HKBU Summer Programme 2015 form.
- 2) Make an appointment to meet with the relevant colleague at the International / Study Abroad Office at your home institution and submit the application form for their endorsement. Only properly endorsed application submitted by colleagues from the exchange partnership institutions will be accepted as this will be treated as a summer exchange programme whereby the numbers will be counted against the exchange numbers and therefore no tuition fee is charged.
- 3) Submit the following documents together with the application to the International / Study Abroad Office at your home institution:
 - An official transcript from home institution
 - Immigration Form (ID 995A) (<http://www.immd.gov.hk/pdforms/ID995A.pdf>)
 - Photocopy of applicant's passport or HKID (whichever is applicable)
 - Financial verification document (proof that sufficient funds are available for the summer study)
 - Required photographs (not larger than 55 mm x 45 mm and not smaller than 50 mm x 40 mm)
 - TOEFL or IELTS result slip if your native language is not English (alternatively, a verification letter from a faculty member who can testify your ability to study in an English as a medium of instruction environment will suffice)
- 4) Meet the application submission deadline of **27 February 2015 (Friday)**. No late application will be accepted.

Please consult your home institution for approval of credit transfer for the courses that you intend to enroll in prior to the commencement of your summer study at HKBU.

Visa

Your application will be processed once received and you will be notified of your course placements. Note that BOTH visas for studying in Hong Kong and travelling to China will be needed for participating in this programme.

Hong Kong Student Visa

If you wish to enter Hong Kong for education and you do not have the right of abode or right to land in Hong Kong, you MUST obtain a student visa from the Immigration Department (of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) BEFORE coming to Hong Kong. We will be responsible for the processing of your Hong Kong student visa by contacting the Immigration Department in Hong Kong and will duly notify you once your visa application is approved.

To apply for such a visa, you should complete the application form ID995A "Application for Entry for Study in Hong Kong" in BLOCK (CAPITAL) LETTERS with (i) your photograph affixed on it; (ii) photocopies of your travel document containing your personal particulars, its issuance and expiry dates and details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable); and (iii) evidence of your financial standing, e.g. bank statements, savings account passbooks, scholarship letters, etc. Your travel document should be valid for at least six months beyond the intended stay in Hong Kong.

The completed application form should be returned to us TOGETHER with your HKBU "Application for Enrollment - HKBU Summer Programme 2015". DO NOT submit your visa application directly to the Hong Kong Immigration Department as that will slow down the process.

As your sponsor, HKBU will complete form ID995B "Application for Entry for Study (Sponsor)". The whole set of documents will then be submitted to the Hong Kong Immigration Department on your behalf.

It normally takes six weeks for the Immigration Department to process a visa application.

If your application is successful, a student visa will be issued to you. HKBU will collect the visa for you, and will mail it to you.

When you receive the visa, please attach it to a blank page in your travel document. Be sure that the immigration officer sees the visa and enters you into Hong Kong on the student status. Otherwise, the officer may issue you a tourist visa which will not allow you to begin studies in Hong Kong. Do draw attention to the visa; sometimes the immigration officer might overlook it.

Conditions for a Person holding Student Visa Status

It is clearly stipulated by the Immigration Department that any person entering Hong Kong as a student shall be subject to the following conditions of stay that: (a) he/she shall become a student only at a specified school, university or other educational institution and undertake such course of study as may be approved by the Director of Immigration; and (b) he/she shall not (i) take any employment, whether paid or unpaid; or (ii) establish or join in any business.

China Visa

Once your Hong Kong visa application is approved, we will inform you to proceed with your China visa application in your home country PRIOR TO your arrival in Hong Kong should you need this document to travel to China. Please check with the China embassy or the nearest Chinese Consulate in your home country for the application procedure.

Additional Information Needed?

Please send a message to the following e-mail address if you have any additional question concerning this HKBU Summer Programme 2015: summerprog@hkbu.edu.hk