

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 Day, and CEDARS 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



Events

Descriptions

Weeks of Welcome (WoW)

- 📅 21 Aug – Oct 2019 & one week before the 2nd Semester
- 📍 Various locations

The Weeks of Welcome for Non-local Students (WoW) is comprised of a series of fun and fact-finding activities to assist the newly arrived students to settle down, induct into the local way and get to know about the new environment and people. Local students will serve as student hosts to lead these activities and introduce HKU and Hong Kong to new students.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/wow

CEDARS Peer Connect and High Table

Part I

- 📅 31 Aug 2019
- 🕒 9:30am – 6pm
- 📍 Lecture Hall II (CPD-LG.07-10) Centennial Campus & various locations

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

Part II:

- 📅 1 Sep 2019
- 🕒 1:30 – 8:30pm
- 📍 Lecture Hall II (CPD-LG.07-10) Centennial Campus & Loke Yew Hall






Financing Your University Studies

 28 Aug 2019
 2:30 – 5pm
 MWT1, LG1/F, Meng Wah Complex

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




Global Kitchen

 20 Sep 2019
 6:45 – 8:45pm
 GE Gatherland

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: gened@hku.hk


Orientation for Non-local Students & HKUSU Fair

 30 Aug 2019
 10am – 5pm
 The Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre & various locations

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

CEDARS Global Career Springboard Scheme (CGCSS) Week

 2 – 4 Oct 2019
 11am – 4:30pm
 Run Run Shaw Podium


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:






- 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

Events	Descriptions
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Event details will be announced in "Daily Jobs & Career Events" email from CEDARS. Enquiry: workshops@cedars.hku.hk

Whole Year

Events	Descriptions
Eat To-Gather 入屋食飯  Oct 2019 – Apr 2020  HKU, home visits & places as arranged by host families or CEDARS	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Enquiry: eat-to-gather@cedars.hku.hk</p>
Person Enrichment (PE) Workshops  Throughout the year  HKU Main Campus	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence & Social Communication • Relaxation & Resilience • Thinking & Study Skills <p>Enquiry: cedars-cope@hku.hk</p>
Student Development Programmes  Throughout the year  Various locations	<p>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.</p> <p>Enquiry: cedars-programmes@hku.hk</p>
Happy Thursday - Tea from Around the World  Throughout the year  GE Gatherland	<p>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!</p> <p>Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/ge Enquiry: gened@hku.hk</p>



Information Technology Services (ITS)

Events	Descriptions
ITS Orientations for New Staff and Students  Aug/Sep 2019  HKU Main Campus	<p>To provide new students with useful information on the wide range of services offered by ITS, seminars including an introductory session will be conducted.</p> <p>Learn more: its.hku.hk/service/training Enquiry: ithelp@hku.hk</p>

Libraries

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 Enquiry: libis@hku.hk

University Health Service (UHS)

Events	Descriptions
New Student Health Orientation Programme  Aug 2019  HKU Main Campus	All new students are advised to attend the Health Orientation Talks to learn about the services, recommended vaccinations and healthy tips. Learn more: www.uhs.hku.hk Enquiry: uhealth@hku.hk

DON'T MISS the Faculty, Department and other orientation activities.
Find out more at the First Year Experience website:

cedars.hku.hk/fye

Important Dates

Dates of Semesters 2019-2020

1st Semester

First Day of Teaching

2 Sep 2019 (Mon)

Reading / Field Trip Week

14 Oct 2019 (Mon) – 19 Oct 2019 (Sat)

Last Day of Teaching

30 Nov 2019 (Sat)

Revision Period

2 Dec 2019 (Mon) – 6 Dec 2019 (Fri)

Assessment Period

7 Dec 2019 (Sat) – 23 Dec 2019 (Mon)

2nd Semester

First Day of Teaching

20 Jan 2020 (Mon)

Class Suspension Period for The Lunar New Year

25 Jan 2020 (Sat) – 31 Jan 2020 (Fri)

Reading / Field Trip Week

9 Mar 2020 (Mon) – 14 Mar 2020 (Sat)

Last Day of Teaching

2 May 2020 (Sat)

Revision Period

4 May 2020 (Mon) – 9 May 2020 (Sat)

Assessment Period

11 May 2020 (Mon) – 30 May 2020 (Sat)



Registration Dates	8 – 9 Aug 2019 Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/registration-and-induction
Online Application of Residential Halls and Residential Colleges	9 – 13 Aug 2019
HKU Home: Housing Enquiry Sessions	19 – 30 Aug 2019 (10am – 1pm; 2 – 5pm) Venue : Room 324, 3/F, Meng Wah Complex
First Semester Course Selection (UG Year 1) Suspension Period (changes to course selection will not be allowed)	21 Aug (10am) – 27 Aug 2019 (4pm) 22 Aug 2019 (9am – 2:30pm)
First Semester Add/Drop Period (UG Year 1) Suspension Period (changes to course selection will not be allowed)	2 Sep (10am) – 16 Sep 2019 (4pm) 3 Sep 2019 (12nn – 5pm)
Student Card Collection	28 Aug (10:15am) – 7 Sep 2019 (2:30pm) Rm105, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Learn more: www.ase.hku.hk
MTR "Student Travel Scheme" Application	Application form will be available by 2 Sep 2019 at CEDARS, Faculty Offices, HKUSU and halls.
University Financial Assistance (UFA): Main Exercise Online Application 2019-20	2 – 27 Sep 2019 HKU Portal > SIS > Online Applications > UFA Main Exercise
Government Tertiary Student Finance Scheme 2019-20	Deadline: 16 Sep 2019 Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/finance/govt.html
HKUFresh\$3000: a means-tested bursary scheme for new local students	Deadline: 27 Sep 2019 Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/finance/3000.php
Second Semester Add/Drop Period (UG Year 1) Suspension Period (changes to course selection will not be allowed)	20 Jan (10am) – 10 Feb 2020 (4pm) 21 Jan 2020 (12nn – 5pm)
Summer Semester Add/Drop Period (UG Year 1) Suspension Period (changes to course selection will not be allowed)	15 Jun (10am) – 22 Jun 2020 (4pm) 16 Jun 2020 (12nn – 5pm)



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