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Welcome from the Dean of Student Affairs

Welcome to the family of The University of Hong Kong (HKU)! As you are embarking on your new journey, the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), as well as other units in HKU, will support you to cope with the transition and challenges ahead. I encourage you to make good use of the resources, support and opportunities available for you in the university. This booklet will be a one-stop information hub to begin with. I trust you will find it useful for getting acquainted with the HKU community, and achieving your academic and personal goals.

Keep an open mind, connect with people and enjoy the exciting learning environment at HKU! I wish you a fruitful, rewarding and wonderful first year, and look forward to meeting you on campus.

Professor Samson Tse
Dean of Student Affairs
July 2022



First Year Studies

Basic Curriculum Structure

All HKU undergraduate curricula have certain common learning experiences: the common core, the language component and the capstone experience. Students of professional curricula concentrate a significant portion of their remaining studies on the “professional core”, while students of non-professional curricula are given large flexibility to design their own combination of majors, minors and electives within and outside their home Faculties.

Below are the general components of a typical four-year undergraduate curriculum:

Component	Courses	No. of Credits*
Compulsory Courses	Common Core	36 credits
	English	12 credits
	Chinese	6 credits
Specialisation	Professional Core	108 – 186 credits
	Major	72 – 96 credits (144 to 150 for BSc intensive majors)
	Minor	36 – 48 credits
Electives	Courses within or outside home Faculties	Remainder to complete 240 credits
Total no. of required credits		240 credits

* There are considerable new UG programmes with different curriculum designs and structures, such as the BASc 4-year programmes, double degree 5-year programmes and joint-university dual degree 4-year programmes. Check Faculty websites for details.

For more information on the curriculum structure, regulations and selection of major(s) and minor(s), please refer to the website of the Academic Advising Office (AAO) (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 International Affairs Office (intlaffairs.hku.hk) 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 student visa application from studentvisa.hku.hk and financial resources from CEDARS (cedars.hku.hk/cedars-financial-resources).

You are welcome to visit the 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 online application via HKU Portal by following the path: SIS Main Menu -> Online Applications -> Application for Testimonial/Transcript. The relevant instructions and user guides are available on the website of the Academic Services Office (ase.hku.hk/asoffice).

Study Plan and Course Selection

Formulate your study plan as soon as possible. You can do so by logging into HKU Portal, reviewing the course and timetable in the 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-academic planner for making a study plan is available on AAO's website (aao.hku.hk/eplanner). You can also visit aao.hku.hk/new-students/ for the Welcome Package for New Students, which includes useful information and resources on academic planning and course enrolment.

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 AAO as necessary.

Please visit the website of AAO (aao.hku.hk/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 AAO (aao.hku.hk/appointment-aao).

All first-year undergraduates will sign up with/be allocated a Faculty Academic Adviser. You are encouraged to meet with your Faculty Academic Adviser to seek advice on different academic issues throughout your studies. Check who your adviser is in the "Student Centre" of 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 (CUE)

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, to express academic ideas and concepts clearly and in a well-structured manner, and to 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): Science, Technology and Big Data, Arts and 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 take 6 six-credit courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each AoI with not more than four courses being selected within one academic year except where students 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 Procedures and Student Card

Registration procedures are listed in the Undergraduate Handbook (handbook.hku.hk/ug).

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 the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), the 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.

Department/Network	Learning Opportunities
CEDARS-Campus Life Section cedars.hku.hk/cl	Student financial management and investment workshops, training for student leaders and volunteer work opportunities
CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section cedars.hku.hk/cp	Career advising and career coaching, co-curricular programmes, entrepreneurial support, industry talks, self-assessment and learning tools, training workshops, internships and work placements, career-focused intercultural leadership programmes
CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section cedars.hku.hk/cope	Person Enrichment (PE) workshops (Cross-cultural Speed Dating, Master Your Worries, How to Stop Procrastination and handicraft workshops, etc.), Peer Language Tutoring, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses, trainings and service opportunities to students in supporting students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)
CEDARS-General Education Team cedars.hku.hk/ge	Non-credit bearing co-curricular programmes for all students in whole-person education/arts & culture/creative & interactive/green & mindful learning activities
CEDARS and Faith & Global Engagement leadforlife.hku.hk	Lead for Life (L4L), the HKU Character Leadership Programme

Centre for Applied English Studies caes.hku.hk	One-to-one language support services and summer programmes
Centre for Sports and Exercise cse.hku.hk	Sports, health and fitness programmes
Chinese Language Centre clc.hku.hk	Putonghua and Cantonese courses, Chinese language and cultural courses
Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre (GHELC) ghelc.hku.hk	Experiential Learning Fund, generic workshops on issues such as cultural adjustment, work ethics and interactional skills
HKU Mentorship mentorship.hku.hk	Mentees have the chance to look beyond the classroom and learn from HKU Mentors who are professionals and experts from different walks of life
HKU Summer Institute summerinstitute.hku.hk	Summer programmes
Horizons Office tl.hku.hk/horizons	Experiential learning programmes beyond Hong Kong and financial support to students
International Affairs Office intlaffairs.hku.hk	Exchange programmes, Worldwide Plus Visiting Programmes, Short-term Abroad Partnerships, Short-term Abroad Opportunities, and Globalink Research Internship
Mainland Affairs Office mainlandaffairs.hku.hk	China Vision programmes and joint degree programmes with renowned universities in Mainland China

School of Modern Languages and Cultures smlc.hku.hk	European and Asian language courses
University Health Service uhs.hku.hk	Health education
University Libraries lib.hku.hk/general/instruction	Library courses to enhance your information literacy skills



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 enrolment, 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.



Support for Students with Disabilities or Special Educational Needs (SEN)

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 multiple 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-support





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). 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.

Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre

Room 201, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre
Tel: 2859 8006
Email: cymac@hku.hk
Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm

Multi-purpose room, meeting rooms, music rooms, band room, baby care room, shower rooms, exhibition counters, banner sites, student society rooms, supermarket, cafeteria, restaurant

Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre

Room 1A06, Swire Building
Tel: 2548 0074
Email: fscac@hku.hk
Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm

Multi-purpose rooms, meeting rooms, party room, music rooms, prayer room, coffee lounge, photo studio/darkroom, restaurant, student society rooms, banner sites, vCave

Pokfulam Amenities Centre

Room 207, Pauline Chan Building, 10 Sassoon Road
Tel: 3917 7543
Email: pflac@hku.hk
Mon to Fri: 9am – 7pm; Sat: 9am – 1pm

Music room, games room, baby care room, assembly hall/lobby, photocopying corner

Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre

Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre (CYMCC), is located on the 3/F and 4/F above the Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre on the Main Campus.

Studio 303 with a capacity of 148 seats, is an ideal performing venue for experimental performances in a variety of art forms, such as drama, dance, musical performance and theatrical workshop.

Busking area at 4/F is available for the use by student societies and groups. They are welcome to present activities such as band show, dance battle or orchestral performance during lunch time. Booking is free of charge. Please contact CYMCC for details.

Enquiries:

Room 201, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre

Tel: 2859 8006

Email: cymcc@hku.hk

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/CYMCC



Food Map

Main Campus and Centennial Campus



1. Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Restaurant

- 📍 4/F, Chong Yuet Ming Cultural Centre
- ⭐ Local fast food and Cha Chaan Teng

2. Café 330

- 📍 2/F, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre
- ⭐ Hot meal, salads, sandwiches and coffee

3. Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre Restaurant

- 📍 2/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
- ⭐ Local fast food and Asian food

4. Halal Food Corner

- 📍 1/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
- ⭐ Halal food and beverages

5. SUBWAY

- 📍 Run Run Shaw Podium
- ⭐ Submarine sandwiches and beverages

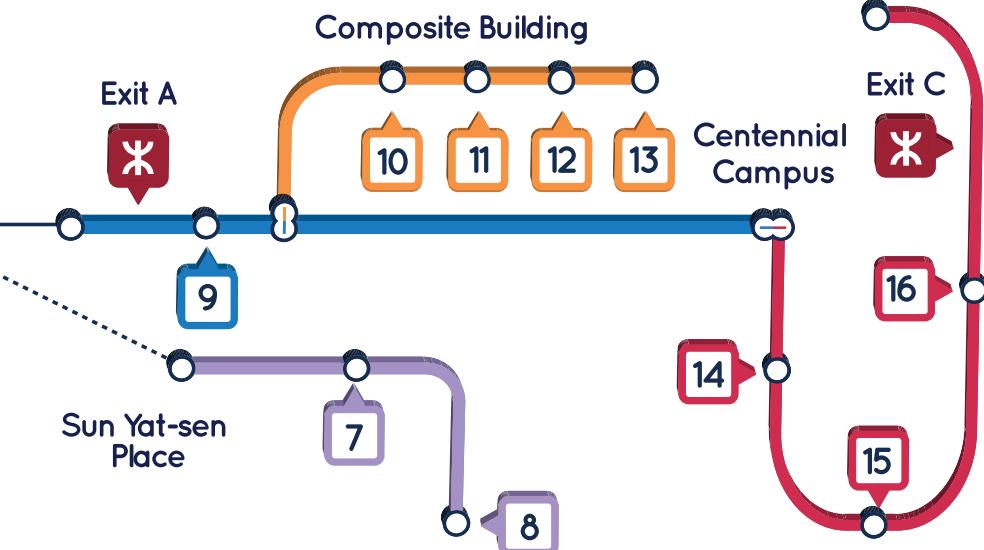
6. Kiosk by The Sandwich Club

- 📍 Run Run Shaw Podium
- ⭐ Bento boxes, pastries, sandwiches and salads

7. The Coffee Academics

- 📍 G/F, Library Building (Old Wing)
- ⭐ Specialty coffee, sandwiches and salads

University Street (Lower)
 Run Run Shaw Podium



8. Big Pizza

- 📍 Main Library Covered Podium
- ⭐ Halal Food - Pizza and drinks

9. Union Restaurant

- 📍 4/F, Haking Wong Building
- ⭐ Local fast food and Asian food

10. Sweet Bandott

- 📍 G/F, Composite Building
- ⭐ Japanese rice-ball, Japanese style meal box

11. Starbucks Coffee

- 📍 G/F, Composite Building
- ⭐ Coffee, pastries, sandwiches and salads

12. U Deli

- 📍 G/F, Composite Building
- ⭐ Lunch boxes and beverages

13. Cafeteria by Favilla

- 📍 G/F, Composite Building
- ⭐ Pour over coffee, Chinese and Western-style meals

14. Oliver's Super Sandwiches

- 📍 LG/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus
- ⭐ Sandwiches, baked potato, pasta, salad and coffee

15. alfafa café

- 📍 G/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus
- ⭐ Pasta, sandwiches, salads, pastries and specialty coffee

16. Gourmet Asia

- 📍 G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
- ⭐ Southeast Asia cuisine

17. BIJAS Vegetarian

- 📍 G/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
- ⭐ Vegetarian food (Chinese cuisine)

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Website: cedars.hku.hk/catering



Food Map

Sassoon Road Campus and Other Locations

 Pokfulam Road

 Sassoon Road



Updated as of 30 June 2022

Website: cedars.hku.hk/catering



Libraries

The HKU Libraries consists 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 collection 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. Learning Commons style facilities can be found in Level 3 of the Main Library and branch libraries providing a variety of spaces suitable for different learning styles including reflective self-study as well as collaborative study. Located on the 2/F of the Main Library, the Ingenium is an interdisciplinary space for the University community to be inspired by and to interact with technology.

Learn more: lib.hku.hk



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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 Chi Wah Learning Commons, located at the podium levels of the Centennial Campus, offers modern learning facilities that encourage and facilitate individual and group study.

Learn more: www.its.hku.hk/services/teaching-learning/learning-space/chi-wah-learning-commons

Sports Facilities

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

- Flora Ho Sports Centre on Pokfulam Road
- Henry Fok Swimming Pool, Stanley Ho Sports Centre at Sandy Bay
- 4 Fitness Centres in Flora Ho Sports Centre, Henry Fok Health and Fitness Complex, the ACTIVE (Centennial Campus) and the HKU B-Active (Shek Tong Tsui)
- 6 Tennis courts at Stanley Ho Sports Centre

Learn more: cse.hku.hk

Computing and Network Facilities

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides comprehensive information technology services 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

Student Lockers

All HKU students with a valid HKU Portal account are eligible to rent an e-locker. E-lockers are for temporary storage up to a maximum of 7 consecutive calendar days with the rental fee of HK\$1 per hour. Renting of the e-locker is on a first-come-first-served basis, supported by the mobile app called "uLock@hku". Traditional lockers are also available for application by full-time undergraduate students for longer use of up to one academic year. Students can apply for a traditional locker via a central application system and the allocation is by random ballot.

Learn more: ase.hku.hk

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: 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 fare discount of up to HK\$4 when taking KMB buses.

Banking

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

HSBC

G/F, Run Run Shaw Building, Main Campus
Tel: 2233 3000
Mon – Thu: 9am - 4:30pm
Fri: 9am - 5pm
Sat and Sun: Closed

Bank of East Asia

Shop P0030, G/F, Centennial Campus
Tel: 3609 1812
Mon – Fri: 9am - 5pm
Sat and Sun: Closed

There are a few ATM machines on campus, respectively located at the Haking Wong Podium, Run Run Shaw Podium and on the Centennial Campus.

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 the 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).

Bookstore and Stationery

The Hong Kong University Press Bookshop (Tel: 3917 7801) is located on the G/F of Run Run Shaw Heritage House (next to the HKU Visitor Centre), Centennial Campus.

The HKU Campus Store selling stationery and souvenirs is located on the UG1/F of 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
- The Main Library and branch libraries (Library patrons should observe the copyright ordinance when making photocopies for research or teaching purposes.)
- Room 420, 4/F, Knowles Building (KRCC Production Company)
- Photocopy Centre, UG1/F, Composite Building
- Shops along Bonham Road and Pokfulam Road (They provide reliable services at reasonable price. Some of them even offer binding services.)

Postal Services

There is a posting box on the Main Campus situated on the LG2/F of Knowles Building. The nearest Post Office is Sai Ying Pun Post Office (27 Pokfulam Road, Tel: 2921 2222), 5-minute walk from the east gate of the Main Campus.

Postage varies with weight and destination. Visit hongkongpost.hk for details.

Baby Care Rooms

Facilities such as washrooms with baby-changing table at the amenities centres, and baby care rooms at the Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre, The Jockey Club Tower and William M.W. Mong Block are available to parent students, staff and visitors during their time on campus.

Newspapers

You can view the e-newspapers at the two E-newspaper Stations in the Breakout Zone, Level 3 of the Main Library or access online news collections subscribed by the Libraries through the Library website lib.hku.hk.

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.



University Health Service

All entitled students may use the University Health Service (UHS).

Students with disability affecting their university life should report to the UHS and CEDARS so that arrangement could be made for the need of special assistance during their time at the University.

The following services are provided by or arranged through the UHS:

- Primary medical care on 2/F, Meng Wah Complex. Preventive, elective and expensive items are provided at a charge
- Specialist care and hospital care at the public specialist clinic or public ward of Government hospitals by referral (for full-time students only and excluding any maternity care)
- Dental service on 3/F, Meng Wah Complex at a charge
- Preventive measures including Travel Health Service, Wellness Check-up, Well Woman Check-up and vaccinations at a charge
- Physiotherapy on the referral of UHS physicians at a charge
- Health education in the form of individual advice, classes/workshops, exhibitions, web information, posters and pamphlets
- Medical aids, equipment and appliances may be provided at a charge

Students who are unable to attend any scheduled appointment should notify the relevant receptionist as soon as possible. In the case of Dental, Physiotherapy, medical checkup, Travel Health Service and long consultation appointments, at least 24 hours' notice must be given for any cancellation, or else a penalty fee would be charged.

All non-local students are advised to purchase medical insurance to cover the cost of specialist consultation and hospitalisation.

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

Learn more: uhs.hku.hk

General Enquiries	3917 2501 / 3917 2502
Medical Appointments	2549 4686
Dental Appointments/Enquiries	2859 2511 / 2859 2512
Web Appointment Booking	www.uhs.hku.hk/appoint/appointment-m.php



Student Support, Resources and Student Life

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, 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/finances/fresh3000

The First-in-the-Family Education (FIFE) Fund supports full-time and full-degree local undergraduate students who are the first generation of university students with financial needs to take part in different learning activities outside the classroom.

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

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. It is 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 CEDARS-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:

Lady Ho Tung Hall	91A Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/hotung
Lee Hysan Hall	6B Sassoon Road	hku.hk/leehysan

Lee Shau Kee Hall	109 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/lshall
Morrison Hall	109 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/morrison
R.C. Lee Hall	6A Sassoon Road	hku.hk/rclhall
Ricci Hall	93 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/ricci
Simon K.Y. Lee Hall	On Main Campus (Pokfulam Road)	hku.hk/skylee
St. John's College	82 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/stjohns
Starr Hall	91B Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/starr
Suen Chi Sun Hall	109 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/scsweb
Swire Hall	On Main Campus (90 Bonham Road)	hku.hk/swire
University Hall	144 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/uhall
Wei Lun Hall	6D Sassoon Road	hku.hk/weilun
Residential Colleges: Shun Hing College Chi Sun College Lap-Chee College New College	9 Lung Wah Street	www.jockeyv3.hku.hk www.shunhingcollege.hku.hk www.chisuncollege.hku.hk www.lapcheecollege.hku.hk www.newcollege.hku.hk

Postgraduate Student Residences

Postgraduates can apply to the following Halls and Residential Colleges. Application procedure and other details can be found at cedars.hku.hk/cl.

The table lists out the websites of the HKU Postgraduate Student Residences:

Graduate House	All postgraduates	On Main Campus (3 University Drive)	gradhse.hku.hk
St. John's College (postgraduate wing)	All postgraduates	82 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/stjohns
Morrison Hall	UGC-funded programmes only	109 Pokfulam Road	hku.hk/morrison
Residential Colleges: Shun Hing College Chi Sun College Lap-Chee College New College	UGC-funded programmes only	9 Lung Wah Street	www.jockeyv3.hku.hk www.shunhingcollege.hku.hk www.chisuncollege.hku.hk www.lapcheecollege.hku.hk www.newcollege.hku.hk

CEDARS-administered Residences

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 eight 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.

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.

Mui Fong Street Student Residence (Postgraduate Students)

This new residence is scheduled to open in the academic year of 2022-23. Mui Fong Street Student Residence is a 24-storey residence, featuring single rooms, which houses 250 students. Amenities include octopus-operated laundry and drying facilities, accessible rooms, shared pantries and lounge areas on every floor.

Off-Campus Private Accommodation

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 (cedars.hku.hk/offcampushousing) 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/offcampushousing.

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.

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, visit and meet CEDARS staff at the 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 (cedars.housing@hku.hk).



Careers and Placement

CEDARS-Careers and Placement Section nurtures students to become global talent with enduring capabilities to create possibilities and embrace opportunities. It is passionate in supporting HKU students to unleash their potential in a modern workplace, to explore different career configurations and to upskill continually through diverse career-driven learning experiences. It also collaborates seamlessly with employers and community partners to identify and groom future-ready graduates who bring positive impacts on different organisations in Hong Kong and beyond.

Stay tuned to the daily emails 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 social capability and emotional resilience, to capitalise on their character strengths, and to live a fulfilling and psychologically healthy life so that they 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, an online platform of 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. Through these tests, you can have a more vivid self-reflection. You may 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 practise conversational English in a stress-free environment. Spoken English is made easy by chatting about food, movies, travel and music.

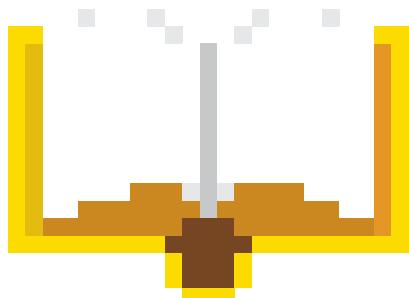
“Survival Cantonese” provides practice sessions conducted by Cantonese Student Tutors to cover essential day-to-day “Survival Cantonese” phrases for non-Cantonese speakers. It is ideal for newly arrived non-Cantonese speakers.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/cope/peer

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 officially registered with the University are able to enjoy services including booking of rooms and facilities; advertising through posting on 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.

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 / Email: cedars-cope@hku.hk) 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 service opportunities, educational funds and programmes, leaders' resources, general education and other co-curricular programmes.

Student Groups and Networks

In HKU, there are over 130 student organisations and each with distinctive objectives and functions that cater to the diverse interest of the student population. Serving from Undergraduates to Postgraduates, we have various categories of student bodies in service: Faculty and Academic Societies, Hall Students' Associations, Sports Clubs, Cultural Clubs, Independent Clubs and Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA).

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

University Support Under COVID-19

To assist members of the HKU community during the challenges and fast-moving developments brought about by the outbreak in Hong Kong, the COVID-19 Info Hub is a resource centre that brings together updates, information and advice related to the University's activities.

Learn more: covid19.hku.hk

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on many aspects of student life. Browse and share the GEARING UP website for the vital information and resources to gear up your psychological well-being, career skill sets, physical fitness and healthy living in times of COVID-19.

Learn more: covid19gearingup.hku.hk



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 which is free of any discrimination and harassment. We support equal opportunity and strongly oppose discrimination and harassment. We will take whatever action which may be needed to prevent, and if necessary, discipline behaviour which violates the Equal Opportunity Policy.

Learn more: www.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.

Learn more: www.eounit.hku.hk/images/content/complaints-enquiries/Procedures-for-Handling-Discrimination-Harassment-Complaints.pdf

Parenting Needs

Facilities such as washrooms with baby-changing table at the amenities centres, and baby care rooms on the Main Campus, Centennial Campus and Sassoong 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 handbook.hku.hk/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)

CEDARS is committed to fostering a diverse campus to enrich your learning experience at HKU. It takes an affirmative approach on gender diversity.

CEDARS-Counselling and Person Enrichment Section (CEDARS-CoPE) provides counselling and psychological services. It welcomes anyone with struggles or questions on sexuality or gender identity, to speak with their psychologists or counsellors.

Learn more about CEDARS-CoPE: cedars.hku.hk/cope

Sustainability

The Sustainability Unit of Estates 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.

With the implementation of the Disposable Plastic Free Campus Policy from September 2020, the sale of single-use plastic bottled beverages of one litre or less in volume were banned at all campus catering outlets, retail outlets and vending machines. Disposable plastic food service ware are not sold and distributed at campus catering outlets as well. The University will continue reducing the use of disposable single-use plastics across the campuses and events.

Learn more: estates.hku.hk/eo-general/sustainability



Crisis and Emergency

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 – 1pm, 2pm – 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 and 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

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

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

Learn more: www.safety.hku.hk/homepage/pdf/EP.pdf

You may also find the following useful:

Lost and Found Tel: 3917 2883

Public Health, Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases Preparedness and Response:

www.uhs.hku.hk/phpedpr/index.php

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 coverage is required, it is entirely up to the student concerned to make personal arrangement at own expense.

Emergency Assistance When Travel Overseas

HKU has engaged the Inter Partner Assistance Hong Kong Ltd. ("IPA") to provide general assistance, local information such as nearby clinic/pharmacy, police station, translation services, etc., or travel advice to all HKU students. The IPA 24/7 Assistance Center hotline is +852 2861 9266, HKU membership number is "39379". Students are strongly advised to create an account using HKU email address at accounts.travel-eye-axa.com/en/registration/110621 before travelling out of Hong Kong. A quick access to the IPA assistance could be downloaded at cedars.hku.hk/IPAaccess. IPA 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., students should contact Zurich (the insurer)'s 24-hour Emergency Assistance Service Hotline at +852 2886 3977 and quote HKU policy number (TTT0001673ZC) for assistance.

Learn more: cedars.hku.hk/overseasemergencyassistance



Contacts of Major Offices

Faculty Offices

Faculty of Architecture	4/F, Knowles Building Tel: 3917 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
HKU Business School	4/F, K.K. Leung Building Tel: 3917 5343 Email: fbeinfo@hku.hk
Faculty of Dentistry	Prince Philip Dental Hospital, 34 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun Tel: 2859 0390 Email: dental@hku.hk
Faculty of Education	Room 420, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex Tel: 3917 6044 Email: edfac@hku.hk
Faculty of Engineering	Room 501, 5/F, Haking Wong Building Tel: 3917 2803 Email: enggfac@hku.hk
Faculty of Law	10/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus Tel: 3917 2951 Email: lawfac@hku.hk
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	6/F, William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road Tel: 3917 9175 Email: medfac@hku.hk

Faculty of Science G/F, Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building
Tel: 3917 2683
Email: science@hku.hk

Faculty of Social Sciences 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower,
Centennial Campus
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Email: socsc@hku.hk

University Offices

Academic Advising Office Room 212, 2/F, Knowles Building
Tel: 3917 0128
Email: aao@hku.hk

Academic Services Office Room G-04, Run Run Shaw Building
Tel: 2859 2433
Email: as@hku.hk

Common Core Office Room 136, 1/F, Main Building
Tel: 2219 4957
Email: commoncore@hku.hk

Equal Opportunity Unit Room 107, 1/F, Main Building
Tel: 3917 1768
Email: eou@hku.hk

Finance and Enterprises Office 1/F, Knowles Building
Tel: 2859 2337 (Student Matters)
Email: feo_student@hku.hk

Graduate School Room P403, Graduate House
Tel: 2857 3470
Email: gradsch@hku.hk

Horizons Office Room 136, 1/F, Main Building
Tel: 2857 8539
Email: horizons@hku.hk

Information Technology Services General Enquiry Counter and Service
Desk: 1/F, Library Building (Old Wing)
Tel: 3917 0123
Email: ithelp@hku.hk

International Affairs Office	9/F, Knowles Building Email: goabroad@hku.hk (HKU Study Abroad Programmes) / exchange@hku.hk (Incoming Programmes)
Mainland Affairs Office	9/F, Knowles Building Email: mainlandaffairs@hku.hk
Scholarships Office	9/F, Knowles Building Tel: 2219 4422 Email: scholarships@hku.hk
Security Control Centre	Room 310, 3/F, Pao Siu Loong Building Tel: 3917 2882 (24-hour) Email: eosecure@hku.hk
University Health Service	2/F and 3/F, Meng Wah Complex Tel: 2549 4686 (Medical Appointment) 2859 2511 (Dental Appointment) Email: uhealth@hku.hk

Centre of Development and Resources for Students

Campus Life Section	3/F, Meng Wah Complex Tel: 3917 2305 Email: cedars@hku.hk
Careers and Placement Section	3/F, Meng Wah Complex Tel: 3917 2317 Email: careers@hku.hk
Counselling and Person Enrichment Section	Room 301-323, 3/F, Main Building Tel: 3917 8388 Email: cedars-cope@hku.hk
General Education Team	Room 240, 2/F, Main Building Tel: 3917 5044 Email: gened@hku.hk

Libraries

Main Library Main Library

Tel: 3917 2202

Email: libis@hku.hk

Dental Library 5/F and 6/F, Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Sai Ying Pun
Tel: 2859 0402
Email: denlib@hku.hk

Fung Ping Shan Library 4/F – 6/F, Main Library
Tel: 3917 2202
Email: fpslib@hku.hk

Lui Che Woo Law Library 1/F and 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus
Tel: 3917 2914
Email: lawlib@hku.hk

Music Library 11/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus
Tel: 3917 2218
Email: muslib@hku.hk

Tin Ka Ping Education Library 8/F, Meng Wah Complex
Tel: 3917 2205
Email: edulib@hku.hk

Yu Chun Keung Medical Library LG1, William M.W. Mong Block,
21 Sassoon Road
Tel: 3917 9215
Email: medlib@hku.hk

Main Campus Map



Sai Ying Pun Post Office, 27 Pokfulam Road

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|  | ATM Centre |  | Filtered Water |
|  | Baby Care Room |  | Photocopying |
|  | Bank |  | Posting Box |
|  | Bookstore |  | Supermarket / Convenience Store |
|  | CEDARS Office |  | Multi-faith Prayer Room |
| | |  | KMB Fare Saver Kiosk |





Baby Care Room

Filtered Water

Photocopying

Supermarket / Convenience Store

Construction of New Block

01 Wei Lun Hall

02 Madam S.H. Ho Residence for Medical Students

03 Lee Hysan Hall

04 R.C. Lee Hall

05 Dexter H.C. Man Building

06 Laboratory Animal Unit

07 Estates Building

08 Pauline Chan Building

09 William M.W. Mong Block

10 Laboratory Block
(Jockey Club Clinical Research Centre)

11 Patrick Manson Student Residence

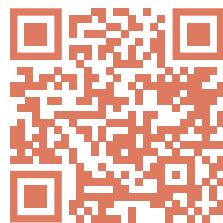
12 HKJC Bldg. for Interdisciplinary Research

13 Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

14 Faculty Administration Wing

15 Academic Building at No.3 Sassoon Road

Some Departments at miscellaneous hospitals not shown



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