Building a Cosmopolitan Campus: @HKU Experience

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HKU Vision
HKU - the 3rd Most International University in the World 2018

Times Higher Education

World University Rankings
Our Student Population

• ~10,000 international students from >100 countries
Our Staff Profile

• Professoriate staff:
  o International 40%
  o Mainland 20%
  o Hong Kong 40%
Internationalisation at Home
Our Curriculum

• Curriculum benchmarking with international standard

• Common Core Curriculum
  o Scientific and Technological Literacy
  o Humanities
  o Global Issues
  o China: Culture, State and Society

• Outside Classroom Experiential Learning
Total Learning Experience

Curriculum

Co-curriculum

Extra-curricular activities, everyday life
Our Student Life

Cultural Diverse Campus
Halls of Residence

- 30-33% Nonlocal students
Residential Colleges

- Local: Mainland: Overseas = 1:1:1 (60-66% nonlocal)
- Undergraduates: Postgraduates = ~1:1
Living under the same roof

• Respect differences
• Differences in lifestyles, beliefs and values
• Challenges are anticipated and inevitable
~60% are commuting students

- So we need to have a variety of on-campus cultural exchanges and experiences for students
- Especially extra-curricular activities
Challenges of Our Student Life: Integration
Settling in and Adjustment
Support for Non-Local Students

We have much to offer, both academically and culturally. To make the best use of your experience in Hong Kong, we provide:

- Housing services
- Cultural adjustment tips
- Guidance on visa and immigration formalities
- Orientation programmes (Weeks of Welcome)
- Settling-in support
- Social and networking opportunities
- Student buddies
- Survival Cantonese courses

**Sign up for iMAP**
An online social media platform for connecting to HKU students and graduates. Find friends by interest, talent, nationality and current location (country).

[cedars.hku.hk/imap](cedars.hku.hk/imap)
Weeks of Welcome

Way to go local – Dumpling Making
Visit to the Peak
Way to go local - Yum Cha
Nature Tour to Lung Fu Shan
Respect Differences
Identify Similarities
Common Experience

• How to survive your first year in university?
Common Experience as University Students

Helping one another, helping others
Survival Cantonese

I want SURVIVAL CANTONESE!

These practice sessions conducted by Peer Tutors cover some basic day-to-day survival Cantonese for non-Cantonese speakers. It is ideal for newly arrived non-Cantonese speakers.

Registration: Room 408, Meng Wah Complex
Venue for practice session: Chi Wah Learning Commons
Jointly organised by Chinese Language Centre and Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS).

Enquiries: cedars-cope@hku.hk / 2857 8388
CEDARS - Counselling and Person Enrichment (CoPE)

Peer English Tutoring

Free One-to-one Conversational English Practice

Do you want to sharpen your English conversational skills to become an excellent communicator?

Peer tutors who are native or near native speaking students will be available every weekday for a 30-minute face-to-face chat about any topic you want.

Online booking: http://caes.hku.hk/ve/cedars
Eat-To-Gather入屋食飯
Cultural exchange beyond the dining table~

Authentic Taste of Cultural Diversity:

• Accompany non-local pals in enjoying a homey meal with a local host family (non-residential)
• Get engaged in deeper cultural exchange with non-locals through family gatherings with the host

Local students will be your “foodmate” (飯腳)!
Service and commitment to society

• Global mindset
• Think Global, Act Local
  o Poverty
  o Ethnic Minority
  o Disability
  o Green Living