

Information for Incoming Undergraduate Students in Academic Year 2020-21

As the situation concerning COVID-19 changes rapidly, we will continue to update this guide to reflect the latest arrangement.

Please note that however as arrangements are being made swiftly to support our students in response to the fluidity of the situation, you are advised to also check on the relevant website(s) for the latest confirmed information.

Last Update: Monday, July 20, 2020

Teaching and Learning	<p><u>Teaching and learning arrangements for the Academic Year 2020-21</u></p> <p>Our core aim is to make a gradual and partial return to face-to-face (f2f) teaching. However, in recognition of the continued challenges student may face with international travel and quarantine throughout the summer, the University will support students who decide not to travel to Hong Kong for Semester 1 studies by providing a hybrid mode of teaching and learning, ie: face-to-face and online teaching will be conducted throughout the semester.</p> <p>UG and TPG students who are in Hong Kong will be expected to come to campus for required f2f classes. They may choose to participate in non-required course components (often lectures are in this category) either f2f or online. But for required course components in which attendance is checked (small-group work is typically in this category) they will be expected to come to campus.</p> <p>UG and TPG students who are not in Hong Kong will have the choice of taking their courses online. We will not be able to provide an exactly equivalent experience in all cases, since some elements of our teaching, such as laboratories, studios and clinical work, cannot easily be moved online. Nevertheless, we will do our best to support the learning of students who are not in Hong Kong.</p>
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	<p>Final examinations will take place online, unless all the students taking a course are in Hong Kong. In those cases only, the final examination will take place in person in an examination hall on campus.</p> <p><u>Parameters</u></p> <p>The broad parameters we will observe for teaching are listed below. Where circumstances allow, there may be variation within individual programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small-group classes (up to 25 students) will be scheduled as normal.• Lectures will be scheduled in classrooms that can accommodate at least twice as many students as are in the class. Thus, a lecture with 60 students will be scheduled in a classroom that can accommodate at least 120 students.• For UG programme courses, our available teaching rooms will enable us to deliver f2f lectures for almost all classes of up to 90 students.• For UG Common Core courses, our available teaching rooms will enable us to deliver f2f lectures for roughly half of our courses with 120 students.• The Grand Hall will enable us to schedule a small number of large lectures (up to 300 students) for TPG and UG students.• However, most courses with more than 90 students will deliver their lectures online. <p>Updates to any Teaching and Learning arrangement will be available here: https://tl.hku.hk</p>
What are the University's health and safety arrangements on campus in	The University is mindful of the ongoing COVID-19 situation and has been implementing appropriate infection control measures, including guidance and means to decrease the risk of infection in the

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response to COVID-19?

classrooms and Faculty/departmental spaces used for face-to-face meetings. The University is currently implementing the following measures:

(a) Any individual with symptoms such as fever or cough should not come to the campus. Anyone developing symptoms on campus should seek medical assistance immediately. The University has already provided non-contact IR thermometers to departments/units that wish to perform indoor checking of body temperature.

(b) All persons should perform hand hygiene properly, especially after touching potentially contaminated or high-use surfaces. Departments/units should make alcohol-based handrub available for use in classrooms and other venues where face-to-face meetings take place, and can contact the Safety Office to obtain handrub if needed.

(c) The University will continue enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces in common facilities such as lifts and escalators. Departments/units should make similar arrangements within their offices/areas.

(d) Mask wearing on campus is strongly encouraged. In particular, all persons should wear a mask in classrooms, shared/common study spaces, meeting rooms, and any other venues where appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained. It is recognized that mask wearing is not possible when eating or drinking and that in outdoor spaces, discretion may be used.

(e) No eating or drinking is allowed in the classrooms.

(f) When classes exceed 25 students, seating arrangement (including an alternate seating) should be done in a way to facilitate appropriate physical distancing.

(g) Individual campus facilities may implement additional infection prevention measures as applicable.

Since public health is a shared responsibility, the University strongly urges everyone to observe these guidelines. The University will continue to review the situation and make the necessary adjustments.

Please check with the [COVID-19 INFO HUB](#) on the University Main Page for services update.

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<p>Will I be required to wear a face mask on campus?</p>	<p>Mask wearing on campus is strongly encouraged. In particular, all persons should wear a mask in classrooms, shared/common study spaces, meeting rooms, and any other venues where appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained. It is recognized that mask wearing is not possible when eating or drinking and that in outdoor spaces, discretion may be used.</p>
<p>When should I apply for a visa?</p>	<p>If your plan is to participate in the f2f mode of learning for S1, you will need to make sure you have applied for your student visa with sufficient time for processing.</p> <p>If you have already started your visa application but will wish to opt for an online mode of learning for S1, please let us know your preference and we will work with you on further coordination.</p>
<p>When and where can I find updates on visa application and other arrival information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An announcement with detailed instructions and FAQ, in addition to regulations from the HKSAR government, will be sent to non-local students regarding the logistical arrangement and any necessary preparation for your arrival in Hong Kong. • Latest information will be communicated to you regularly and updated on the HKU&U website on a regular basis. • You will also be given an expected timeframe on when you will receive the visa label to facilitate your planning for flights.
<p>Where can I find information regarding pre-departure?</p>	<p>Regular pre-departure sessions will be conducted for incoming students starting mid-July to inform students of the exact procedure for arrival.</p>
<p>When should I arrive in Hong Kong?</p>	<p>For those who are planning to participate in the f2f mode of study, you may wish to note the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall move-in: 26th August • Add/drop period: 1st to 15th September <p>Do note that you will have to undergo and complete the mandatory 14-day quarantine period required by</p>

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	the HKSAR government prior to entering the halls of residence or participate in classes.
Is there someone I can talk to if I need more information?	An enquiry hotline will be in operation from late July to September to provide students with advice regarding the latest arrangement.
Do I need to be quarantined when I arrive in Hong Kong? If so, what are the procedures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After you have landed and completed your specimen collection at the AsiaWorld-Expo as required by the HKSAR government, you may be sent to the designated quarantine centre, depending on their country of origin (such as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and South Africa), as deemed fit by the HKSAR government. • If you require support from the University for quarantine, you will be instructed to travel to a pre-arranged lodging facility (to be announced) upon departure from Asia-World Expo. <p>As this arrangement may be updated from time to time as required by the government, you are advised to check on the government website for the latest detail: https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html</p>
Will the University provide any support in case quarantine is required for me?	If you choose to arrive in Hong Kong for f2f mode of learning and quarantine is still required by the HKSAR government, you will have to arrange for your mandatory quarantine. If required, the University may provide a list of hotels open to receiving students for quarantine purposes upon request.
Will I have to complete an online student registration? When and how?	Student Registration can be completed online for students whose offer to the University is confirmed. You will be sent the necessary information and invitation to complete the online registration once all the necessary information has been received and verified by the University.
Will there be any face-to-face orientation sessions when I arrive in Hong Kong?	The Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) of the University will announce details of the induction programmes before August.
What types of student accommodation are provided by the University?	The University provides three types of accommodation for non-local full-time undergraduate students, namely 1) halls of residence 2)residential colleges 3)non-hall student housing. Learn about these three

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	types of accommodation here: https://www.cedars.hku.hk/index.php?route=accommodation/information/details&accommodation_id=40
When and where can I apply for student accommodation provided by the University?	The online application for accommodation for newly-admitted non-local undergraduate students has started on May 13, 2020. You should submit an application here as soon as possible: https://www.cedars.hku.hk/index.php?route=accommodation/information/details&accommodation_id=40
When would I know about the hall application results since I don't have a place to stay in HK yet?	For conditional offer holders, your hall application results will be announced by email starting July after your offer conditions have been confirmed, so you should upload your final results as soon as possible to the application system.
When is hall open for move-in?	August 26, 2020. Please note that hall may not be used for quarantine purposes and hence you may only check in to your hall after you have completed the 14 day quarantine.