

# HKPU Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	University: <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk">https://www.polyu.edu.hk</a> HKPU Abroad: <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/">https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	September to December
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	January to May
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a public research university in Hung Hom, Hong Kong.</li> <li>• PolyU has 8 faculties and schools. There are programs in applied science, business, construction, environment, engineering, social science, health, humanities, design, hotel and tourism management.</li> <li>• HKPU is ranked 65th in the QS World University Rankings 2023 and is renowned for its spirit of determination and for providing students with global perspectives and opportunities, keeping with a vision of 'Opening Minds – Shaping the Future'.</li> <li>• Hong Kong itself is a unique destination, one of Asia Pacific's leading design and innovation centres, an international financial centre, where Eastern and Western cultures meet. The city has fantastic transport links, scenic hiking trails, an energetic arts community and English is one of the official spoken languages.</li> </ul> <p><b>Further facts:</b> <a href="#">Exchange Leaflet</a></p>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 15 HKPU credits.</p> <p><b>Searchable database for university-wide course offerings:</b> <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/incoming-students/incoming-exchange/">https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/incoming-students/incoming-exchange/</a></p> <p><b>University Calendar:</b> <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ar/students/AC.pdf">https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ar/students/AC.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> and the student.</b></p>	

<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p>HKPU normally provides instructions regarding housing during the application process.</p> <p>Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation at the University-managed Accommodation (including the Student Halls and Off-campus Housing) for a twin sharing room, no single room is available.</p> <p>Accommodation details can be found:  <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/student-resources-and-support-section/residential-life/">https://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/student-resources-and-support-section/residential-life/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>You will be responsible for your own medical and dental costs during your stay in Hong Kong. You are therefore required to take out an appropriate travel and health insurance scheme.</p> <p>In addition to the <a href="#">University Health Services</a> (UHS) provided by PolyU and the public medical services, PolyU has also arranged a Group Personal Accident Insurance for all PolyU registered students. The insurance only covers bodily injury occurs during activities organized by PolyU. Therefore, all exchange students must enrol in an appropriate insurance plan to protect themselves in case of accidents and they will be requested to provide a copy of the Insurance certificate and policy before departure from home. The insurance plan should cover the entire exchange period with the start date and end date matching the student's flight departure date/return flight arrival date and the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical expenses (including out-patient, hospital expenses and accident)</li> <li>• Personal accident (as the result of any illness, injury, disability or accident)</li> <li>• Personal liability covering the legal liability of causing the death of a third party or property damage due to negligence</li> <li>• Emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains (due to accident/illness/other causes).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Travel Insurance</b></p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<p><b>Visas &amp; Permits</b></p>	<p>When travelling to Hong Kong you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at HKPU. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Hong Kong, and the purpose of your stay in Hong Kong amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date</b></p>

	<p><b>passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>Support for your visa application will be provided by the HKPU. Once you have been nominated to the partner university, an invitation (a token) will be sent to you via email to make an application. You will be required to complete the online application with supporting documents uploaded, any administrative fees paid and dispatch or send by express post to Global Engagement Office (GEO) for HKPU to handle. More information on the process: <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/incoming-students/incoming-exchange/">https://www.polyu.edu.hk/geo/exchange-and-study-abroad/incoming-students/incoming-exchange/</a></p> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel on Hong Kong</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>
<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• VISA application fees</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>• Textbooks and stationery</li> <li>• Administrative fees</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated living costs per month:</b> Accommodation (PolyU Student Halls of Residence): 1,500 HKD Food: 3,000 HKD Laundry &amp; air conditioning in residence: 200 HKD Miscellaneous expenses: 900 HKD</p>
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b> Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b> If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b> You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>

<b>Campus Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General teaching facilities and library</li><li>• Catering outlets</li><li>• Wi-Fi</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sports facilities</li><li>• Clinic and health centres.</li><li>• Event and Leisure Facilities</li></ul>
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