



The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | MBA Exchange Factsheet – Academic Year 2024-25

Highlights



No.1 MBA Program in Asia-Pacific

Bloomberg Businessweek Best Business Schools & MBA Programs 2023-24



Vibrant Student Life in the Heart of Asia

Asia Business: An East-meets-West hub less than 5 hours' flight away from all Asia's key markets

MBA Activities: Exchange-In Welcoming Day, Networking Events, Corporate Visits, Sports Tournament...

Student Clubs: Consulting & Strategy Club, Finance Club, Social Impact Club, Japan Club, ESG Club...



Options of Half (8-week) / Full (16-week) Term Exchange

Flexible minimum workload requirement



The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

HKUST is a dynamic and forward-thinking University that embraces a truly global outlook and an innovative spirit. Founded in 1991, we have rapidly established ourselves as a top global institution and built a respectable reputation in the region by aligning our world-class educational resources with the growth momentum of Asia.

HKUST campus occupies 60 hectares in Clear Water Bay of Sai Kung and is located just 30-45 minutes from the downtown business centre and 70-90 minutes from the international airport.



HKUST Business School

We offer a full suite of degree programs, including undergraduate, MBA, EMBA, MSc, PhD, and a wide range of executive education programs. Additionally, our Kellogg-HKUST EMBA program has garnered remarkable global recognition, having achieved the top spot in the world according to Financial Times rankings for 12 times in the past.

We are also the first business school in the region accredited by both the US-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

HKUST MBA Community

Join us and become a member of our global MBA network

MBA Community Intake 2023 At A Glance



160+

Class Size



32

Average Age



8

Average Years of Working Experience



48%

Female Students



66%

Non-Local Students



What did the exchange students say?



Vincent MAHLOKO
HEC Paris

"The HKUST campus is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in the world. It also has everything on it, making a student's life very easy and convenient. Meanwhile, Hong Kong is an amazing city with fantastic food. I adore the blend of the big city vibes combined with nature, complemented by an exceptional transportation system that can take you everywhere with ease.

Most of my courses at HKUST MBA were exceptional! The professors are top-tier and have a great sense of humor. We enjoyed a lot of giggles in the classes with them. Their wealth of industry experience adds immense value to what they teach, as they have hands-on experience in addition to their academic expertise. This allows them to provide insights into the corporate world and its intricacies, imparting wisdom based on their own experiences."

"I had a fantastic experience as an exchange student at HKUST. Thanks to the care and support from the MBA office, I feel truly appreciated and valued. HKUST boasts a robust academic system with highly knowledgeable professors. Take my consulting class as an example: the professor delved deep into each case analysis and imparted systematic knowledge to us, drawing from his own diverse experience as a consultant in the real business world.

The international community at HKUST also fosters the expansion of global perspectives without losing sight of the Asian and Chinese contexts. Whether your goal is to pursue academic advancements or to leverage the market opportunities in the region, particularly within the financial industry, HKUST is undeniably a great choice."



Carrie YANG
Fudan University



Madeline DEYSINE
University of California,
Berkeley

"Hong Kong is a vibrant city for discovery, and home to a mix of cultures, histories, and experiences. The HKUST campus offers a beautiful respite from the dense hustle and bustle of Hong Kong Island. I enjoyed spending full days on campus – swimming laps in the outdoor pool, enjoying scenic walks along the bay shore, or studying with friends at the business school building. It offered everything I needed to feel at home in a new place.

At HKUST, you will learn just as much from your peers as you will from your professors. The MBA Program brings together top thinkers and students from all over the world. Professors are passionate about driving the growth of students through comprehensive simulations and interactive exercises. Students' learning is not just grounded in business fundamentals, but also in the experiences of diverse teachers and students who become my trusted network."

HKUST MBA Exchange Program

Our Fall and Spring terms are divided into two half terms (1st & 2nd). We offer exchange students the flexibility to choose either Half Term (8-week) or Full Term (16-week) exchange. Students will be eligible for course enrolment upon successful program registration, and are required to arrive into Hong Kong before term commencement.

Term Dates (Tentative)

Term	Online Program Registration	Online Course Enrolment	Term Begins	Term Ends	Examinations (if any)
Fall 1st	By Aug 15, 2024	From Aug 20, 2024	Aug 26, 2024	Oct 27, 2024	Oct 21-27, 2024
Fall 2nd	By Aug 15, 2024	From Aug 20, 2024	Oct 28, 2024	Dec 22, 2024	Dec 16-22, 2024
Spring 1st	By Jan 15, 2025	From Jan 21, 2025	Feb 3, 2025	Mar 30, 2025	Mar 24-30, 2025
Spring 2nd	By Jan 15, 2025	From Jan 21, 2025	Mar 31, 2025	May 31, 2025	May 25-31, 2025

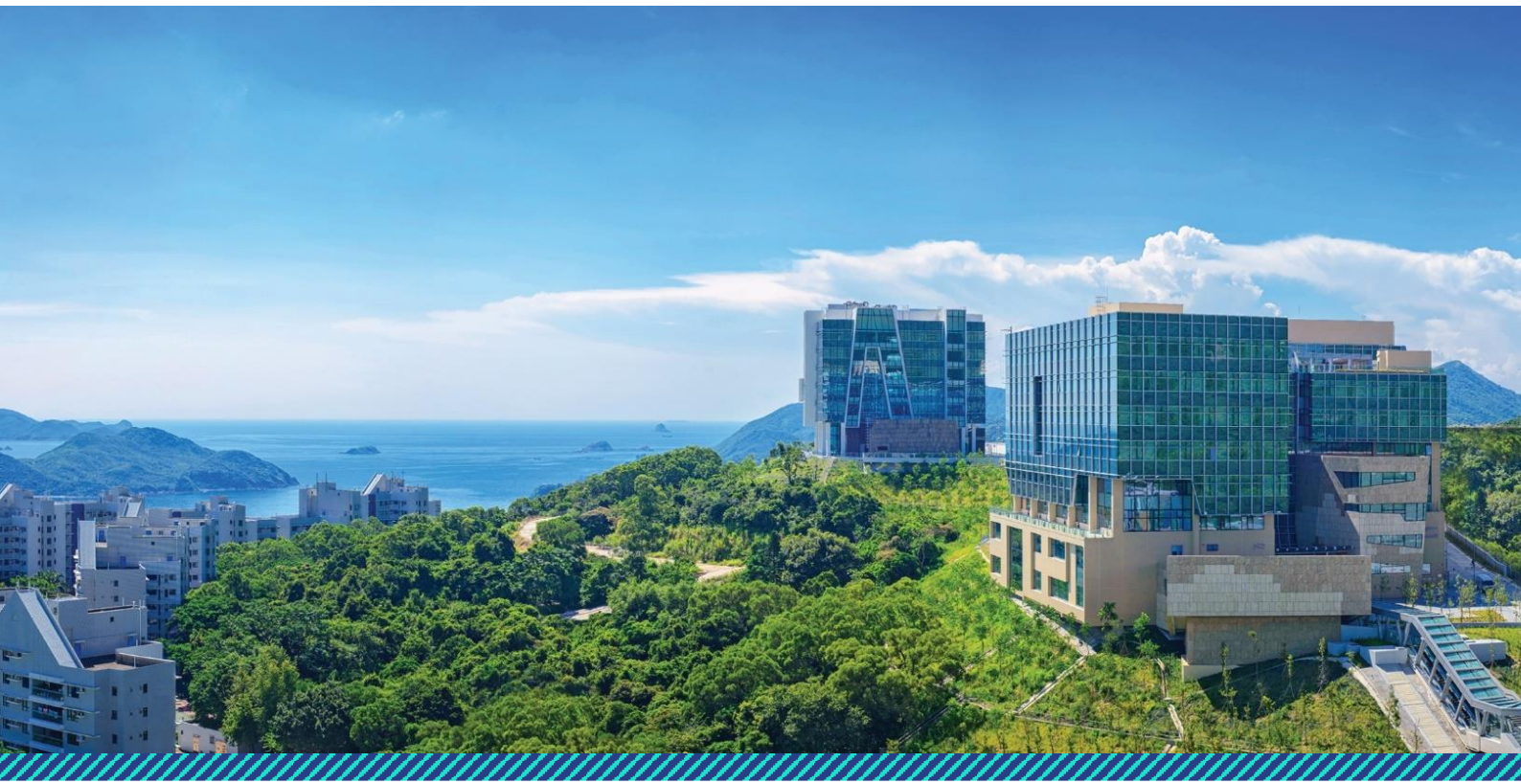
Important Dates

Term	Nomination Deadline for Exchange School Coordinators	Application Deadline for Nominated Students
Fall	April 10, 2024	April 30, 2024
Spring	October 10, 2024	October 31, 2024

Nomination: Please send us the student details – Full English Name, Email Address, Gender, Nationality, and Exchange Term.

Tuition Fee: No further tuition fee is required for exchange students.

Transcript: An e-transcript will normally be sent to your home school's coordinator via email around 1.5 months upon the completion of the exchange term.



In-person Exchange

Nominated students will receive the details and guidance from our team in each stage



A. STUDENT VISA

Student visas will be required for all full-time and in-person incoming exchange students **without the right of abode in Hong Kong** (i.e. non-Hong Kong citizens). Please let us know in advance if your circumstance is different.

Students will need to courier the visa application materials to the MBA Office. It may take **up to 2 months** for visa approval by the HKSAR's Immigration Department. Upon approval, students will be notified to download the e-visa label.

Mainland Chinese students holding PRC passports will need an additional 2-4 weeks to apply for an EEP (往來港澳通行證) and relevant exit endorsement (赴港簽注) on their own after the visa label is approved.

B. COMPULSORY HKUST TRAVEL INSURANCE

The University policy stipulates that all postgraduate studies, including exchange-in students, are required to subscribe to the [HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan](#), **on a compulsory basis**, at least one month before the commencement date of the exchange period.

Please check the [Application Form](#) and [Coverage](#) of the HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan. Your insurance coverage must include the whole study period.

C. OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

On-campus hall is not available for short-term exchange students due to the limited supply. Students are strongly recommended to pay a visit to the off-campus accommodation before signing a lease. A Housing Guide can be found at [Off-Campus Housing](#).

Location	Near Clear Water Bay campus (e.g. Hang Hau / Sai Kung)	Near Downtown areas (e.g. HK Island Along MTR Stations)
Features	Just 15 minutes from Clear Water Bay campus by public transportation	For dining, shopping and weekday evening classes in HKUST Business School Central
Monthly Rent Range	HK\$15,000-22,000 for a 2-bedroom apartment in Hang Hau (400-700 sq. ft.)	HK\$20,000-35,000 for a studio flat/suite

➤ Approximate Living Expenses

	Estimated HKD (per full term)
Off-campus accommodation	48,000
Food	20,000
Transportation & personal expenses	16,000
HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance	1,000 (Estimated)
Books & class reading materials	5,600 (Estimated)
Total	90,600 (~US\$11,615)



Academic Arrangements

What exchange students may expect when studying at HKUST MBA

A. LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Language of Instruction	English
Course Structure	Each MBA course is in either 2 credits (8 sessions) or 1 credit (4 sessions). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One HKUST MBA credit = 14 class hours. • Each session = 3.5 class hours.
Class Modes & Locations	Mostly Face-to-Face Mode – Clear Water Bay Campus or Downtown Venues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays Daytime and Weekends classes – Between 09:00-18:00; usually at Lee Shau Kee Business Building at HKUST Clear Water Bay Campus. • Weekdays Evening classes – Between 19:00-22:30; usually at downtown venues in Central / Admiralty, Hong Kong Island. <p>If Online Mode – Real-time interactive online class.</p> <p><i>Class arrangements and delivery modes are subject to actual circumstances.</i></p>
Class Formats	Lectures, computer simulations, case discussions, individual and group projects, and presentations, supplemented by industry speaker-sharing sessions.
Attendance Policies	Class attendance is mandatory. Select your courses carefully and enrol only if you can commit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing 25% of the classes will result in a grade deduction. • Missing more than 25% of a course will result in a “Fail” grade or withdrawal. • Some courses may require 100% class attendance.
Assessments	Exams (usually in the last week of the course, if any), projects and presentations, assignments, class work and participation, etc.
Study Loads & Options	8 Credits will be granted for MBA elective course enrolment regardless of the exchange period. Core and language courses are NOT available to exchange students.
Credit Overloading	Credit overloading will be subject to approval for workload/ graduation needs only . Requests must be made through the home school coordinator with the HKUST MBA Exchange Office. Approval is not guaranteed.
Enquiry & Support	Email assistance on a special need basis.

B. COURSE GRADING

Letter Grade	Definitions	Remarks*
A+, A, A-	Excellent Performance	For courses graded with “Pass/Fail”, please note that no Letter Grade will be shown on your HKUST transcript.
B+, B	Good Performance	
B-, C+, C	Marginal Performance	
F	Failure	
Others*		You are strongly recommended to check with your home school if it will affect your exchange credit transfer before course registration.
I	Incomplete	
P	Pass, ungraded	

General Information

Facilities and resources available for exchange students at HKUST

A. DOWNTOWN CLASS VENUES

- [HKUST Business School Central](#) – Located in Central, Hong Kong Island.
- [United Conference Centre \(UCC\)](#) / [General Chamber of Commerce \(GCC\)](#) – Located in Admiralty, on a need basis.
- No shuttle bus service is provided between Clear Water Bay Campus and downtown class venues.

B. UNIVERSITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

- Access to various student, sports, and recreational facilities on campus with an HKUST student card: MBA student lounge and breakout rooms, multi-purpose sports hall/gym, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, water sports center, tennis courts, soccer fields, culture hall and exhibition areas, common rooms, library, study rooms, computer labs, etc.
- Restaurants, cafes, banking services, a supermarket, a hair salon, HKUST shuttle buses to nearby subway stations, etc.
- Invitations to join seminars, workshops, talks, performances, and other events organized by the University, Business School, and MBA Office.



C. CAREER RESOURCES

In general, exchange students have access to the online job board and career resources like the Bloomberg Terminals. You will be invited to join certain corporate events run by the HKUST MBA Career & Professional Development Team. The HKUST Career Centre will also organize a range of career events throughout the year, including recruitment talks and Career Mosaic, which features local*, regional, and international employers targeting HKUST Undergraduate and Postgraduate students, including MBA students.

**Regarding eligibility for taking up an internship in Hong Kong, exchange students should refer to guidelines provided by the HK Immigration Department (Refer to Q23 on IMMMD FAQ <https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/faq/imm-policy-study.html>)*

One-on-one coaching and career workshops are NOT available for exchange students. MBA exchange students will be considered as HKUST MBA alumni but do not have the university-level alumni status at HKUST.

We look forward to seeing you on campus. Please contact us for any questions.

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