

HONG KONG

HKUST Business School

HKUST Business School Exchange Program

INTRO

The HKUST Business School is one of five schools in the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Established 30 years ago in 1991, the HKUST Business School is one of the youngest and most respected business schools in Asia because of its top research achievements and innovative teaching programs. It has risen to international prominence in a remarkably short period of time, achieving widespread global recognition and a variety of prestigious academic rankings. It has 19 undergraduate programs, 3 MBA Modules, 2 EMBA programs, 10 Master of Science Programs, 7 Research Centers and 7 PhD Programs.

The HKUST Business School was 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). It was ranked 1st in the Asia-Pacific MBA ranking by *Bloomberg Businessweek* and 1st in the Hong Kong MBA Ranking by *Financial Times* in 2024.

Because Hong Kong is one of the world's leading financial hubs and the heart of Asia's economic center, students gain a once in a lifetime opportunity to obtain firsthand experience with business in the new Asia and enjoy access to a unique fusion of East-meets-West.

FACILITIES/HOUSING

The HKUST Campus is located in Sai Kung District in the New Territories of Hong Kong—a location both within easy travel distance of the Central area and far away enough to escape the busy city. Overlooking the beautiful beaches of Clearwater Bay, the campus provides students with a spectacular view of surrounding hills and the South China Sea, creating a serene atmosphere for studying and interacting. Some of the elective classes are held at the Downtown Center.

There are 10 lecture theaters; audio-visual language laboratories; a variety of central computing facilities including minicomputers, workstations, and microcomputers at various locations; and a number of network services such as email. The business school also has 10 computer labs for teaching and research. Other commonly shared student facilities include a multi-purpose sports hall, meeting rooms, exhibition areas, common rooms, restaurants, bookstores, banking services, a convenience store, etc.

On campus housing is not available to exchange students. There is off-campus housing near campus (e.g., Hang Hau, Sai Kung, etc.) The estimated rental cost ranges HK\$15,000-22,000 per month for a two-bedroom apartment in Hang Hau. Other students prefer to live in the downtown area in studios ranging from HK\$20,000–35,000 per month. Further information is available at <https://offcamphouse.hkust.edu.hk/Housing-Guide/overview>.

SEMESTER DATES

Fall 2025: August 25 – December 21, 2025

Spring 2026: January 26 - May 31, 2026

WORKLOAD

8-10 HKUST credits. Overload with more than 8 credits is subject to HKUST's approval.

UNIT VALUE AND CONVERSION

1 HKUST unit = 1 USC unit

Minimum Units: 8 HKUST/USC units

Maximum Units: 10 HKUST/USC units

MINIMUM PASSING GRADE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN USC CREDITS

B or better

ESTIMATED COSTS This is an estimated student budget, and all costs are subject to change without notice.

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Item	Estimated Amt in US Dollars
USC MBA Tuition Rate (Maximum 10 units x \$2421* per unit)	\$24,210.00
Room and Board	\$6,000.00
Food	\$3,000.00
Books and Supplies	\$500.00
Airfare	\$2,000.00
Local Transportation	\$2,000.00
USC Health Insurance*	\$1,977.00
Insurance at Host Institute	\$200.00
Visa	\$230.00
Passport	\$140.00
Vaccinations/Health Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$44,427.00

**Rate based on Spring 2025*

Further information can be found on HKUST's website: <https://mba.hkust.edu.hk/>