ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

| Semester Dates for 2017-18: |  
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| **1st Semester**              |  
| Orientation Week              | Late August, 2017  
| First Day of Teaching         | September 1, 2017  
| Reading/ Field Trip Week      | October 16-21, 2017  
| Last Day of Teaching          | November 30, 2017  
| Revision Period               | December 1-7, 2017  
| Assessment Period             | December 8-23, 2017  
| **2nd Semester**              |  
| Orientation Week              | Mid January, 2018  
| First Day of Teaching         | January 15, 2018  
| Classes Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year | February 16-22, 2018  
| Reading/ Field Trip Week      | March 5-10, 2018  
| Last Day of Teaching          | April 28, 2018  
| Revision Period               | Apr 30 - May 5, 2018  
| Assessment Period             | May 7-26, 2018  

# Students should adhere to the examination schedule as arranged by the University. Early and special examination arrangement is not allowed.

**Arrival Date for incoming students:**

1st Semester/ full year: August 28, 2017  
2nd Semester: January 8, 2018

**Learning Expectations**

- Class Format: Lectures, tutorials, class discussions, case studies, group and/or individual presentations
- Attendance: Mandatory
- Class size: 50-250 students depending on the course
- Language of instruction: English, except for specific courses on culture and languages
- Assessment Methods: Standards-based Assessment ([http://ar.cetl.hku.hk/assgradstand.htm](http://ar.cetl.hku.hk/assgradstand.htm))
Grading Scale:

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Course Enrollment

- List of courses offered by Faculty of Business and Economics in academic year 2017-18: [http://www.fbe.hku.hk/course/undergraduate](http://www.fbe.hku.hk/course/undergraduate)
- Students are also permitted to take courses offered by other Faculties, as long as they meet the pre-requisite(s) and the class still has vacancies. Course information and timetable are available on the website of respective faculties/departments. ([http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/incoming-student-programme-offered](http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/incoming/incoming-student-programme-offered))
- **Recommended Course load for exchange students: 30 credits/semester**  
  (Min.: 6 credits, Max.: 30 credits)
- Credit System: 6 credits per course
- Average Number of courses HKU students enrolled in for each semester: 5 courses
Notes:

*Exchange students must take at least 50% of the courses (in terms of credits) at the Faculty of Business and Economics, i.e., courses offered by the School of Business or the School of Economics and Finance (FBE courses)

*Exchange students may choose to take credit-bearing Chinese language courses offered by the School of Chinese. The credits of Chinese language courses will NOT be counted towards the maximum course load – students can take up to 36 credits if they study 1 Chinese language course. Course information is available at http://www.chinese.hku.hk/main/undergraduate/chinese-courses-for-international-undergraduate-students/

*Exchange students are required to indicate the courses they wish to take in their application for admissions, preferably in priority order. Preliminary course selection status of FBE courses will be informed by email or upon their registration at HKU before start of the semester. Students are only allowed to change their course selection within the official add/drop period which is normally scheduled for the first two weeks of each semester.

*Exchange students have to apply for the non-FBE courses during add/drop period on their own.

* Requests for changes before and after the add/drop period shall not be considered. **Students should not drop out of the enrolled course(s) as HKU does not allow withdrawal during the semester. Courses will be graded as “Fail” in such cases.**

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**STUDENT VISA:**

All non-local exchange/visiting students are required to obtain a valid student visa for studying in Hong Kong.

For nationals other than PRC (including Macau): (Processing Time: 8 weeks)

You are recommended to apply for a student visa through HKU Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS). General information and Application Procedures can be found from: http://www.cedars.hku.hk/sections/campuslife/VisaMatters/FormsNotes.php

For Mainland nationals: (Processing Time: 10 weeks)

You are required to apply for a student visa through the China Affairs Office. General information and Application Procedures can be found from: http://www.als.hku.hk/hkucao/svapp_e.php

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**STUDENT LIFE INFORMATION:**

- For information on student life, accommodation, health insurance, facilities and student services, please view the “Preparatory Guide for Non Local Students” at http://www.cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/publication/prepguide1718.pdf
SPECIAL NOTE ON INTERNSHIP:

As advised by the Immigration Department, the Faculty would **NOT** support any applications of incoming exchange students for internship in Hong Kong under any circumstances.

WEBSITES:

- The University of Hong Kong (HKU): [www.hku.hk](http://www.hku.hk)
- Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE): [www.fbe.hku.hk](http://www.fbe.hku.hk)
- Academic Advising Office (AAO): [http://aao.hku.hk](http://aao.hku.hk)

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