# ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

**Semester Dates for 2019-20:**

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<th>Semester</th>
<th>Orientation Week</th>
<th>First Day of Teaching</th>
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<td><strong>1st Semester</strong></td>
<td>Late August, 2019</td>
<td>September 2, 2019</td>
<td>October 14 - 19, 2019</td>
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# Students should adhere to the examination schedule as arranged by the University. Early and special examination arrangement is not allowed. Exact examination dates will be announced 1 month prior to the assessment period.

**Arrival Date for incoming students:**

- **1st Semester/ full year:** August 26, 2019
- **2nd Semester:** January 13, 2020

**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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<th>Grade point average (GPA) (maximum, 4.3)</th>
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Course Enrollment

• Area of concentration in the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE): Accounting and Law, Economics, Finance, Innovation and Information Management, Marketing, Management and Strategy.

• Students nominated under exchange agreements signed with HKU FBE (i.e. faculty exchange partners) are eligible to take all FBE courses.


• FBE course list ([https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/course/undergraduate](https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/course/undergraduate)) will be updated one month before the semester start.

• FBE timetable in 2018-19 (for reference only, schedule of 2019-20 will be available one month before the semester starts): [https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/useful-info/timetable-and-calendar](https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/useful-info/timetable-and-calendar)

• Students are also permitted to take courses offered by other Faculties, as long as they meet the pre-requisite(s) and the class has vacancies. Course information and timetable are available on the website of respective faculties/departments. ([http://www.aal.hku.hk/studyabroad/support.php?pid=4&type=incoming](http://www.aal.hku.hk/studyabroad/support.php?pid=4&type=incoming))

• **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) offered by FBE (i.e. 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 case.

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: https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/visamatters/visa

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

STUDENT LIFE INFORMATION:

- For housing, students are required to apply via https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/accommodation/nonlocal-students. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

- For information on student life, accommodation, health insurance, facilities and student services, please view the “A Glimpse of Student Life @HKU for Prospective Students 2019-20” at https://www.cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/publication/glimpse1920.pdf
SPECIAL NOTE ON INTERNSHIP:

As advised by the Hong Kong 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)

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