Virtual Pre-departure Briefing

June 2, 2021
3:30 – 4:30 pm

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Region:
- Asia-Pacific
- Americas
- Europe
- U.K. & Africa
Overview

• Exchange Programmes
  • HKU Worldwide Student Exchange Programme
  • Faculty-level Exchange Programme

• Short-term Programmes
  • Short-term Abroad Partnerships
  • Short-term Abroad Opportunities

• Academic year 2020-21
  • Suspended/Virtual exchange

• Excited to resume normal
• Caution and careful consideration
Before you go...
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Within HKU

☑ Apply for pre-approval for selected courses through your Faculty
☑ Apply for Leave of Absence through your Faculty
Credit Transfer
Before departure, students should seek for pre-approval of courses for credit transfer according to the Faculty’s regulations. Students may consult Head of Department or Departmental Course Selection Adviser on the credit transfer application.

Students are advised to do the comprehensive research to identify the most suitable courses especially the required courses. To achieve this, you could map and do comparisons on the course offerings between HKU and the host institution. During the process, we ask students to be as flexible as possible because the arrangement of each institution may vary.

To facilitate the credit transfer, you are recommended to save the course materials during the study abroad programme. In this way, the Faculty could refer to the materials carefully and decide which courses are transferrable. The actual transfer of credits happens after you have returned to HKU. The Faculty has the final authority to decide the number of courses and credits taken at the host university to be transferred back to HKU towards your degree.

Please note that the pre-approval of courses and credit transfer arrangement of each Faculty may vary so please follow the page below for more information.

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Leave of Absence
Students are required to apply for the leave of absence for the exchange semester (Fall and/or Spring). Please complete "Leave of Absence" application before departure. In the application, you have to explain clearly which programme you participate in and attach relevant supporting documents.
Before you go...

Arrange your financial matters

- HKU tuition fee payment (before departure)
- Input local bank account details on HKU Portal for receiving scholarship and refund of deposit
- Observe email from IAO for scholarship result in Aug and submit Confirmation of Arrival
- Successful applicants will receive scholarships by auto-payment in Oct/Nov 2021
  - It is not your major funding source!
- Cash flow for studying abroad
Before you go...

**Visa**
- ✔ Apply for a passport / check its validity
- ✔ Apply for visa (if applicable)
  - Check website of host university and Consulate General of host country

**Entry and exit**
- Check immigration authorities for entry and exit policy and requirement
Before you go…

Quarantine

- Read carefully information of COVID-19 and follow measures and quarantine requirement required by host country/host university
- Eg. COVID-19 test

Financial commitment

- Observe condition and refund policy of flight and accommodation
- keep all related documents such as receipts and transaction records
Before you go…

**Insurance**
- HKU provides travel insurance
- Travelling overseas on academic activities
- Maximum 180 days (6 months)
- Certificate of Travel Insurance by email feo_insurance@hku.hk (5 working days)

**Additional insurance may be required**

**Useful contact**
- Prepare a list of useful contacts & addresses
- International SOS
- Prepare yourself as an ambassador of HKU & HK

Are you ready for the adventure?
Upon arrival...
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- Update your loved ones
- Update IAO and your host institutions
- Get yourself familiarized with the new environment and embrace the new cultures

- Discuss with your Faculty in case of change of courses
- Submit Confirmation of Arrival to IAO → receive exchange scholarship

- Social distancing and personal hygiene
- Stay healthy, Work hard and Enjoy!

For any crisis and emergency, report safety by emails immediately
Before you leave & upon return...
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- Settle all the outstanding fees at host institution
- Show your appreciation of your host institution
- Apply for official transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Submit exchange report & post-evaluation to IAO
- Refund of your HK$2,000 deposit

- Join our activities and share your experience with us and other students
More information

goabroad@hku.hk
https://aal.hku.hk/studyabroad/
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2. Click the **Breakout Rooms** button in your meeting controls and choose your region.

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   leave breakout room → return to main session → choose correct room again