

# Morningside College

## Student Exchange Programmes 2025-26

### Application Schedule

First application round		
Year	Date	Activity
2024	10 October (Thu)	Online application opens
	3 November (Sun)	Online application closes
	End November / Early December	Interview
2025	27 January (Mon)	Placement result announcement via email
	5 February (Wed)	Deadline for accepting placement offer (incl. submission of acceptance documents)
Second application round*		
2025	7 February (Fri)	Online application opens**
	20 February (Thu)	Online application closes**
	End February or Early March	Interview
	17 March (Mon)	Deadline for accepting exchange offer and submitting acceptance documents (incl. deposit)

#### **Remarks:**

\* Second application round will only be available if there are remaining College-based exchange programme quotas.

\*\* To apply the second round, please complete the **online application form:**  
<https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13703441>

## Important Notes

(Please read carefully before application.)

### 1. Exchange Period

- a. Ideally, undergraduate students with have good academic and good disciplinary record at CUHK, should go during their second and third year of undergraduate study.
- b. According to the [Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies](#), CUHK students who have satisfied all graduation requirements shall graduate (Regulation 12.1). **Students are strongly recommended to plan in advance for their academic studies so as to go on exchange before earning all credit units required for CUHK graduation.**
- c. Students should refer to the CUHK Undergraduate Student Handbook to check the credit unit requirements of their enrolled CUHK undergraduate programme and other requirements for graduation, decide how many course units they plan to enroll in each academic term and apply to go on **exchange BEFORE earning all credit units required for graduation.**
- d. Students who **intend to go on exchange after their expected graduation date** can only apply and participate in an exchange programme for one academic term which takes place immediately after their last active academic term for taking courses for graduation (excludes summer term) at CUHK. In the selection exercises, students concerned
  - can only apply for exchange for one academic term (except for students with an **expected graduation date on 31 December 2024 who are not eligible for any exchange programme in 2025-26**), and
  - will be given an **exchange nomination offer (if applicable) only if they have/would not earned all credit units required for graduation** (i.e. have outstanding credit units shown on CUSIS) **by the time of placement allocation is done.**

### 2. Maximum Cumulative Period of Exchange

Throughout the study period at CUHK, each student can go on exchange for a maximum of one academic year, i.e. exchange(s) in two regular academic terms offered by any CUHK unit(s) plus one university-wide summer exchange offered by the Office of Academic Links (OAL).

### 3. Course Load Requirement during Exchange (For Undergraduates)

- a. Students must enroll in a **minimum of nine (9) units and obtain passing grades in at least six (6) units of courses per term (or equivalent), except for summer term. Failure to do so may cause complications to graduation and/or 100% repayment of financial support provided through OAL and/or the College.**
- b. Students are highly recommended to **seek pre-approval from major and/or relevant CUHK department/programmes on the transferability of credit units** from host institutions to their studies at CUHK **prior to their application**, especially for students intended to meet the graduation requirements with the transferred credit units. Final approval for courses and unit exemption will only be given after the official transcript is received from the host institution with acceptable grade(s) for the course(s) concerned.
- c. Students planning to go on exchange in their final academic term should note and take into consideration that their graduation may possibly be affected should the official transcript not reaching RES by the specific deadline for record and seeking approval for course and unit exemption (if applicable) to meet the degree conferment date. Actual deadlines will be released by RES in due course. An official transcript is an essential document for course and unit exemption. In general, it takes at least two months for the host institution to issue the official transcripts after the exchange programme ends.

#### 4. **Credit Transfer**

Students are advised to approach relevant CUHK academic departments which have full autonomy to determine which credits of courses taken abroad could be transferred to CUHK.

Students are strongly encouraged to visit the host institution website, gather relevant courses information and discuss with their academic advisor on their study plan as early as feasible. Please finalize the choice of programmes prior to the exchange application.

#### 5. **English Language Proficiency**

- a. Programmes marked with # in the **'Exchange Programme Details' table** mean TOEFL or IELTS scores is mandatory.
- b. Students must meet the respective English proficiency requirements with a TOEFL or IELTS overall score and sub-scores from one test attempt that **took place on or after 1 September 2023**. Otherwise, students will NOT be considered as an eligible applicant for the exchange programmes.
- c. TOEFL MyBest Scores and the result from IELTS One Skill Retake are not acceptable.
- d. If the TOEFL/IELTS score report (if any) is no longer valid, students are still required to submit the report for the exchange application for reference purpose. If needed, please arrange to retake the TOEFL or IELTS test to fulfil the host institution requirements. In view of the limited available timeslots for IELTS or TOEFL tests, students should schedule to take/re-take a test as soon as possible.
- e. **Some host institutions set the valid period of TOEFL/IELTS scores at 24 months prior to the commencement of exchange period.** It is students' responsibility to ensure their TOEFL/IELTS scores meet the requirements set by the host institution and sit for a TOEFL or IELTS test again for meeting their host institution's requirement if needed.
- f. For students who wish to go to United Kingdom to exchange, they are recommended to sit for IELTS (UKVI Academic) test to fulfill UK (Tier 4) student visa requirement. Further information on the approved test can be referred to the [British Council Hong Kong website](#) and the [UK Visas and Immigration website](#).
- g. When submitting the TOEFL/IELTS score report, please ensure that the candidate full name, test date and scores are clearly shown.
- h. For programmes with TOEFL or IELTS requirements but without #, students will be required to provide a valid TOEFL or IELTS score when they submit their application to the host institution after being nominated.

#### 6. **Other Language Proficiencies**

For those who would like to select an exchange programme that requires proficiency in other languages, they must indicate in the online application form that they have a proficiency level no less than one level lower than the specified requirement (e.g. if the requirement is German – Intermediate, you must indicate that you have at least the proficiency of elementary German). Otherwise, application for that particular exchange programme will not be considered.

For more information about European languages, please refer to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#).

#### 7. **Financing Your Exchange**

The fees for a typical exchange programme include CUHK tuition, CUHK and College Student Union fees (for undergraduate students only), accommodation (CUHK, host university or private rental depending on the programme structure), health and travel insurance, meal plan, student visa, books and stationery, personal expenses, cultural activities, transportation, warm clothing (for some destinations), and airfare.

Students may apply for financial support under CUHK Student Exchange Financial Aid and Scholarship Scheme (FASS) and EDB Subsidy Schemes. For details, please visit OAL website at <https://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/scholarshipsandfinancialaid>.

The College also has Travel Grants made available to students who face financial difficulties to apply. For details, please refer to the College's weekly notices in late January and/or take reference of last year's weekly notices to plan ahead.

## **8. Application and Placement Result**

Applicants are required to complete the online application form by the application deadline on 20 February 2025, and attend an interview scheduled for end February or early March 2025.

Exchange nomination results (both OAL and College) will be released in mid-March 2025.

If students receive more than one exchange nomination offer. Students can only accept one offer either from OAL, College or other Unit of CUHK.

For accepting College Exchange Programme, nominees are required to submit acceptance documents (i.e. Acceptance Form, Family Support Form and a deposit) by the mentioned deadline. They are then required to send their exchange application to the host institution. The application period of the host institution varies from February to May for Term 1 and Full Year exchange, and from May to October for Term 2 exchange.

Please note that the final decision on the acceptance of exchange application rests with the host university.

## **9. References on Student Exchange**

For useful information and advice on outgoing exchange, please also read:

- a. OAL's Outgoing Exchange Application and Policy Manual :  
<https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/restricted/all/appmanual.pdf>
- b. OAL's website: <https://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/gettingstarted/>

Morningside College  
Exchange Programme Details 2025-26 (2<sup>nd</sup> application round)  
(Updated as of 6 February 2025)

College-based Exchange Programmes					
No.	Institution	Country	Available terms	Requirements	Remarks
1	<a href="#">Amsterdam University College</a> #	The Netherlands	1 term (1st or 2nd Term) or full academic year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above</li><li>TOEFL IBT 100 (with a minimum sub-score of 24 for reading and writing, 22 for listening and 25 for speaking); or IELTS overall score of 7.0 (with at least 6.5 in each of the four components); or Cambridge: C1 Advanced (with a minimum score of 190) [Remarks: TOEFL code number is 5209.]</li><li>At least completed Year 2 Term 1 (90 ECTs equivalent) while going on exchange</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students must satisfy admission requirements for courses, but all areas in Liberal Arts and Sciences programme are open to exchange students: Humanities: Literature; Film; Philosophy; History; Culture; Art; Communication. Social Sciences: Health; Anthropology; Environmental Economics and Policy; Economics; Law; Political Science; International Relations; Sociology; Cognition. Sciences: Information; Mathematics; Physics; Earth &amp; Environment; Chemistry; Biology; Biomedical Sciences; Health Sciences</li><li>Website for exchange students: <a href="http://www.auc.nl/exchange">http://www.auc.nl/exchange</a></li><li>Fact sheet for 2024-25 (for reference only): <a href="https://www.auc.nl/binaries/content/assets/projectsites/amsterdam-university-college/study-abroad/2024-2025/auc-exchange-factsheet-2024-2025-update-august-2024.pdf">https://www.auc.nl/binaries/content/assets/projectsites/amsterdam-university-college/study-abroad/2024-2025/auc-exchange-factsheet-2024-2025-update-august-2024.pdf</a></li></ol>
2	<a href="#">University College Utrecht</a> (UCU) #  or  <a href="#">Utrecht University</a> (UU)	The Netherlands	<a href="#">UCU</a> 1 term (1st or 2nd Term)  <a href="#">UU</a> ( <i>Not available</i> ) 1 term (2nd Term only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above</li><li>Students with Chinese nationality (PRC passport holders) must apply for a Nuffic Certificate</li><li><b>Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2025-26.</b></li></ol> <p><u>For University College Utrecht (UCU)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>TOEFL 100 (with at least 20 in each of the four components); or IELTS overall 7.0 (with at least 6.5 in each of the four components)</li><li>Students with liberal arts or sciences background are preferred</li><li>Exchange students must take 4 courses per semester (= the full time study load)</li><li>It is mandatory for exchange students to take courses in at least two different fields of studies at UCU.</li></ol> <p><u>For Utrecht University (UU)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>TOEFL IBT 83 (with at least 19 in listening and reading, 18 in speaking and writing); or IETLS 6.5 (with at least 5.5 in each of the four components)</li><li><b>NOT</b> for Economics, Global Economics and Finance, Geography and Resource Management, Urban Studies, Earth System Science students</li><li>Courses are taught in Dutch and English</li></ol>	<p><u>For University College Utrecht (UCU)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available disciplines: Social Sciences, Humanities, Science</li><li>Course information: <a href="http://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/academic/course-outlines">http://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/academic/course-outlines</a></li><li>100-level Introductory courses are open to all students; 200-level Intermediate courses require 100-level prerequisites; 300-level Advanced courses require 100- &amp; 200-level prerequisites</li><li>Lab courses and most language courses (except Dutch) are not open to exchange students</li></ol> <p><u>For Utrecht University (UU)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available disciplines: Biomedical Sciences; Humanities; Law, Economics and Governance; Sciences (limited availability of undergraduate courses in English); Social and Behavioral Sciences</li><li>The following disciplines are not open to exchange students: Medicine (except for Biomedical Sciences) and Veterinary Medicine</li><li>Course information: <a href="http://www.uu.nl/exchange">www.uu.nl/exchange</a></li></ol>
3	<a href="#">University College London</a> (Arts and Sciences) #	United Kingdom	1 term (1st or 2nd Term) or full academic year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cumulative GPA 3.3 or above</li><li>TOEFL IBT 109 (with 24/30 in reading and writing and 20/30 in speaking and listening); or IELTS 7.5 (with a minimum of 6.5 in each of the four components); or For more information, please visit website for English language requirements: <a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/requirements/english-requirements/accepted-english-qualifications">http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/requirements/english-requirements/accepted-english-qualifications</a> Require valid period of TOEFL/IELTS scores at <u>24 months</u> prior to the commencement of exchange period.</li><li>At least completed Year 2 Term 2</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Host department: <u>Arts and Sciences (BASc)</u>. Students MUST put this information on their application form, and select courses offered by the host department.</b></li><li>Courses offered by Arts and Sciences: <a href="https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/subjects/liberal-arts-sciences">https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/subjects/liberal-arts-sciences</a></li><li>Other courses information: <a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide">http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide</a> (subject to approval of other departments)</li><li>Accommodation information: <a href="https://www.ucl.ac.uk/accommodation/">https://www.ucl.ac.uk/accommodation/</a></li></ol>
4	<a href="#">University of York</a> #	United Kingdom	1 term (2nd Term only) or full academic year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above</li><li>Non-native English speaking applicants must provide evidence of English language ability. The requirements are according to the academic department the applicants apply. Website for English language requirements: <a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/entry/english-language/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/entry/english-language/</a></li><li>At least completed Year 2 Term 2 and should be majoring in the subject in which they wish to study at York</li><li><b>Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2025-26.</b></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hull York Medical School and Department of Health Sciences are NOT open to exchange students</li><li>Department of Biology, Chemistry and Psychology can only accept first year students who attend York for the full academic year</li><li>Course information: <a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/applying/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/applying/</a></li><li>Website for incoming exchange students with information and the application process: <a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visiting-students/">http://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visiting-students/</a></li><li>Students should apply and accept their place at York by the agreed deadlines. Eligible students are allocated university managed accommodation. Please refer to <a href="https://york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/">https://york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/</a>.</li></ol>
5	<a href="#">Wheaton College</a> #	United States	1 term (1st Term only) or full academic year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above</li><li>TOEFL IBT: 90; or IELTS: 7.0</li><li>At least completed Year 2 Term 2</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Course information: <a href="https://catalog.wheatoncollege.edu/">https://catalog.wheatoncollege.edu/</a></li><li>Websites for exchange students: <a href="https://wheatoncollege.edu/academics/global-and-intercultural/global-education/international-student-services/j-1-visas/">https://wheatoncollege.edu/academics/global-and-intercultural/global-education/international-student-services/j-1-visas/</a></li></ol>

Remarks: # TOEFL/ IELTS is mandatory.  
Valid TOEFL/ IELTS results are required latest by mid-March 2025.

University-wide Exchange Programmes (Not available for 2 <sup>nd</sup> application round)					
No	Institution	Country	Available terms	Requirements	Remarks
6	<a href="#">Vienna University of Economics and Business</a>  (Not available)	Austria	1 term (2nd Term only)	1. Cumulative GPA 2.9 or above 2. For Faculty of Business Administration and Department of Economics, and the Global Economics and Finance Programme students only 3. WU does not require official language certificates. However, if students do not meet the language requirements, WU reserve the right to de-register students from courses. 4. Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2025-26.	1. Available disciplines: Business Law, Business Skills, Economics, English Business Communication, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Finance and Accounting, Gender and Diversity Management, History, Culture and Philosophy, Human Resource Management, Information Systems, International Business, Management, Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management, Research Techniques, Socioeconomics, Strategic Management 2. Course information: <a href="https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/academics/">https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/academics/</a> [Choose "Course Catalog"]
7	<a href="#">Technical University of Denmark</a> #  (Not available)	Denmark	1 term (2nd Term only)	1. Cumulative GPA 2.7 or above 2. TOEFL IBT 88 (with at least 19 in each of the four components); or IELTS 6.5 (with at least 5.5 in each of the four components) 3. At least completed Year 2 before going on exchange 4. For Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science students only 5. Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2025-26.	1. All courses are open to exchange students. Students have to fulfil prerequisites to enter courses 2. Most of the undergraduate level courses are taught in Danish 3. Students attend the exchange programme at DTU's Lyngby Campus 4. Programme website: <a href="https://www.dtu.dk/english/Education/Incoming-students/Exchange">https://www.dtu.dk/english/Education/Incoming-students/Exchange</a> 5. Course catalogue for exchange students: <a href="https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/incoming-students/exchange/choosing-courses">https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/incoming-students/exchange/choosing-courses</a>
8	<a href="#">University of Aberdeen</a> #  (Not available)	United Kingdom	1 term (1st or 2nd Term)	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. IELTS 6.0 (at least 6.0 in writing and at least 5.5 in each of the other three components) 3. At least completed Year 2 before going on exchange	1. All Disciplines are open except Medicine, Education, English (Level 4) 2. Restrictions for enrolment in Clinical Medicine & Dentistry courses, English and Linguistics courses (Level 3 and 4), Biomedical Science Honours Project, Education courses, Engineering Project Courses (Level 4), Law (Level 3 and 4), Environmental Field and Science Field courses 3. Programme website: <a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/studyabroad">http://www.abdn.ac.uk/studyabroad</a> 4. Course catalogue: <a href="https://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses/undergraduate">https://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses/undergraduate</a> 5. For Fall term participants, special arrangement for assessment during December can be made thus returning CUHK for second term is possible
9	<a href="#">San Diego State University</a> #  (Not available)	United States	1 term (1st or 2nd Term)	1. Cumulative GPA 2.5 or above 2. TOEFL IBT 80 (with at least 17 in each of the four components); or IELTS 6.5 (with at least 5.5 in each of the four components) 3. To be in compliance with California State Law, San Diego State University will not be able to accept exchange applicants who are US citizens or US permanent residents (Green Card holders) residing in a foreign country. This includes students who are dual citizens.	1. All disciplines are opened to exchange students except for Television, Film & Media Studies (production emphasis) and Nursing are not opened to exchange students. 2. Majors available at SDSU are listed at <a href="https://www.sdsu.edu/programs">https://www.sdsu.edu/programs</a> 3. Most courses of study (majors) are impacted at SDSU, as described at <a href="https://advising.sdsu.edu/majors/impacted_majors">https://advising.sdsu.edu/majors/impacted_majors</a> . "Impacted" means that student demand for classes exceeds what can be accommodated. If you want to study Business Administration (Accounting, Finance, Information Decision Systems, Management, Marketing); Communications; or any of the other impacted programs listed on the web page above, enrolling in upper division classes in your major at SDSU will be challenging. In light of this situation, exchange students may not enrol exclusively in classes in the impacted programs. 4. Biology, Business Administration (all fields); Engineering; Journalism & Media Studies (JMS); Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences; Television, Film & Media Studies (critical studies emphasis) have restrictions placed on many of their classes therefore only limited courses are available.
10	<a href="#">Stony Brook University</a> #  (Not available)	United States	1 term (1st or 2nd Term)	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. TOEFL IBT 80 (with at least 20 in each of the four components);or IELTS 6.5 (with at least 6.0 in each of the four components) 3. NOT for Faculty of Engineering students 4. US citizens/green card holders cannot participate in this programme. This includes students who are dual citizens.	1. All courses are opened to exchange students except areas of Health Sciences, and Pharmacology, Education and 2. Graduate level courses. 3. Courses in Dance, Languages, Theatre Arts and some language courses are limited. 4. Business/Accounting major students are only allowed to register for a maximum of 3 BUS/ACC courses per semester, the courses will be selected every semester, and a list will be sent out to the students prior to registration. To meet the minimum course load, business/account major students will be required to also select courses from other academic departments on campus. 5. Minimum course load 12 US credits, maximum course load 17 US credits 6. On-campus housing guaranteed. No guarantee that students will receive their preferred room choice.

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