Morningside College
Student Exchange Programmes 2027-2028

Application Schedule

First application round		
Year	**Date**	**Activity**
2026	9 October (Fri)	Online application opens*
	1 November (Sun)	Online application closes*
	Mid/End November	Interview
2027	2 February (Tue)	Placement result announcement via email
	4 February (Thu)	Deadline for accepting placement offer (incl. submission of acceptance document, family consent and a deposit)
Second application round**		
to be announced in due course		

Remarks:

* To apply, please complete the **online application form:** https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13743778

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

Important Notes for Applicants

(Please read carefully before submitting an application.)

1. Exchange Criteria

a. Being a CUHK full-time undergraduate student;
b. Having a cumulative GPA as stated in the 'Exchange Programme Requirements' table;
c. Maintaining a good disciplinary record at CUHK, e.g. in CUSIS and there is no record of demerit or suspension of studies due to disciplinary action
d. Having a cumulative exchange period of less than one academic year (i.e. 2 regular terms + 1 U-wide summer exchange)
e. Meeting the requirements of TOEFL or IELTS overall band scores and sub-scores of individual exchange programmes as stated in the 'Exchange Programme Requirements' table;
f. Having basic knowledge of the intended place of study.;
g. Demonstrating maturity and responsibility in social conduct, and the capability to live and study independently outside Hong Kong;
h. Being ready to represent CUHK and the College; and
i. Being willing to share exchange experiences after the exchange period.

2. Exchange Period

a. Ideally, students should go on exchange 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 their studies to go on exchange before earning all credit units required for graduation.**
c. Students should refer to the CUHK Undergraduate Student Handbook to check the credit unit requirements for graduation, plan for how many course units to enrol in each academic term and apply to go on **exchange before earning all credit units required for graduation**.
d. Graduating students with an expected graduation date on 31 July or 31 December 2027 (as shown on CUSIS in October 2026) can apply to this selection. If they apply for a term-time exchange taking place after their expected graduation date, they would be given a conditional offer (if any) subject to the following conditions:
   (i) they have not enrolled or completed courses for earning all credit units required for graduation before going on exchange and
   (ii) their applications for extension of study period are approved by the Registration and Examinations Section (RES). Applications for extension of study period from students who may/would have earned all credit units required for graduation prior to going on exchange will normally NOT be approved.
e. Students who intend to go on exchange after their expected graduation date can only apply for exchange for one academic term taking place immediately after their last active academic term (excludes the summer term) at CUHK.
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3. 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).

4. Course Load Requirements during Exchange (For Undergraduates)

a. For each academic term (or a study period equivalent to a CUHK academic term), students are **required to take courses equivalent to at least nine (9) CUHK course units and obtain passing grades from six (6) units of courses (or equivalent)**. Students should also meet the minimum course load requirement of the host institution. Failure to do so may cause complications to

graduation from the current enrolled CUHK undergraduate programme and/or 100% repayment of financial subsidy provided through OAL and 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 reach 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. An official transcript is an essential document for course and unit exemption.

5. 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(s) on their study plan as early as feasible and prior to application. Please finalize the choice of programmes prior to the exchange application.

After exchange, students are required to submit their applications for credit transfer via CUSIS on their own.

6. English Language Proficiency

a. TOEFL or IELTS scores are mandatory for programmes marked with # in the "Exchange Programme Requirements" table.

b. Students must meet the respective English proficiency **requirements with a TOEFL or IELTS overall score and sub-scores from a single test attempt** that **took place on or after 1 September 2025**. Otherwise, students will NOT be considered as eligible applicants 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 purposes. 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 and **submit valid result no later than 19 January 2027**.

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 for exchange, they are recommended to sit for IELTS (UKVI Academic) test to fulfil UK 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.

7. 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).

8. Financing Your Exchange

The fees for a typical exchange programme include CUHK tuition, CUHK and College Student Union fees (for undergraduate students only), accommodation (mostly host institution 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. For details, please refer to the College's weekly notices in late January. Students are encouraged to review last year's notices for planning purposes.

9. Application and Nomination Result

Applicants are required to complete the online application form by the application deadline of 1 November 2026 and attend an interview scheduled for mid/end November 2026.

Exchange nomination results (both OAL and College) will be released on 2 February 2027.

Students who have accepted (or are holding) a term-time exchange offer for 2027-28 from any CUHK units will not receive an offer from this selection.

Each student can, if eligible, receive or hold only one exchange offer for 2027-28, regardless of the exchange period.

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 institution.

10. Useful Resources for Student Exchange

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

a. https://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/gettingstarted/
b. https://www.oalglobal.cuhk.edu.hk/cudownloads/

Morningside College
Exchange Programme Requirement 2027-28 (1st application round)

(Updated as of 20 October 2026, subject to further change)

College-based Exchange Programmes					
No.	**Institution**	**Country**	**Available terms**	**Requirements**	**Remarks**
1	Amsterdam University College #	The Netherlands	1 term (1st or 2nd Term) or full academic year	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. 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.]* 3. At least completed Year 2 Term 1 (90 ECTs equivalent) while going on exchange	1. 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 & Environment; Chemistry; Biology; Biomedical Sciences; Health Sciences 2. Website for exchange students: http://www.auc.nl/exchange 3. Fact sheet for 2026-27 (for reference only): https://www.auc.nl/binaries/content/assets/projectsites/amsterdam-university-college/study-abroad/2025-2026/study-abroad-factsheet-2026-2027_final.pdf
2	University College Utrecht (UCU) # ~~or~~ Utrecht University (UU)	The Netherlands	UCU 1 term (2nd Term only) UU 1 term (2nd Term only)	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. Students with Chinese nationality (PRC passport holders) must apply for a Nuffic Certificate 3. Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2027-28. For University College Utrecht (UCU) 1. 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) 2. Students with liberal arts or sciences background are preferred 3. Exchange students must take 4 courses per semester (= the full time study load) 4. It is mandatory for exchange students to take courses in at least two different fields of studies at UCU. For Utrecht University (UU) 1. TOEFL 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) 2. NOT for Economics, Geography and Resource Management, Urban Studies, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Environmental Science, and Earth System Science students 3. Courses are taught in Dutch and English	For University College Utrecht (UCU) 1. Available disciplines: Social Sciences, Humanities, Science 2. Course information: https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/your-study/academic-disciplines 3. 100-level Introductory courses are open to all students; 200-level Intermediate courses require 100-level prerequisites; 300-level Advanced courses require 100- & 200-level prerequisites 4. Lab courses and most language courses (except Dutch) are not open to exchange students For Utrecht University (UU) 1. Available disciplines: Biomedical Sciences; Humanities; Law, Economics and Governance; Sciences (limited availability of undergraduate courses in English); Social and Behavioural Sciences 2. The following disciplines are not open to exchange students: Medicine (except for Biomedical Sciences) and Veterinary Medicine 3. Course information: www.uu.nl/exchange
3	University College London (Arts and Sciences) #	United Kingdom	1 term (1st or 2nd Term) or full academic year	1. Cumulative GPA 3.3 or above 2. 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: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/requirements/english-requirements/accepted-english-qualifications *[N.B. Require valid period of TOEFL/IELTS scores at 24 months prior to the commencement of exchange period.]* 3. At least completed Year 2 Term 2 while going on exchange	1. **Host department: Arts and Sciences (BASc). Students MUST put this information on their application form, and select courses offered by the host department.** 2. Courses offered by Arts and Sciences: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/subjects/liberal-arts-sciences **(must enrol)** 3. Other courses information: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide (subject to approval of other departments upon arrival. No guarantee of enrolment, and likely be rejected.) 4. Accommodation information: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/accommodation/
4	University of York #	United Kingdom	1 term (2nd Term only) or full academic year	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. IELTS 6.5 (with at least 6.0 in each of the four components) 3. At least completed Year 2 Term 2 and should be majoring in the subject in which they wish to study at York 4. Not suitable for students who plan to apply for credit transfer from the institution in order to graduate in 2027-28.	1. Hull York Medical School and Department of Health Sciences are NOT open to exchange students 2. Department of Biology, Chemistry and Psychology can only accept first year students who attend York for the full academic year 3. Course information: https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/applying/ 4. Website for incoming exchange students with information and the application process: http://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visiting-students/ 5. Students should apply and accept their place at York by the agreed deadlines. Eligible students are allocated university managed accommodation. Please refer to https://york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/.
5	Wheaton College #	United States	1 term (1st Term only) or full academic year	1. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or above 2. TOEFL IBT: 90; or IELTS: 7.0 3. At least completed Year 2 Term 2 while going on exchange	1. Course information: https://catalog.wheatoncollege.edu/ 2. Websites for exchange students: https://wheatoncollege.edu/academics/global-and-intercultural/global-education/international-student-services/j-1-visas/

Remarks: # TOEFL/ IELTS is mandatory.
Valid TOEFL/ IELTS results are required latest by 19 January 2027.

University-wide Exchange Programmes *(Not available for 2nd application round)*					
No	**Institution**	**Country**	**Available terms**	**Requirements**	**Remarks**
6	Vienna University of Economics and Business	Austria	1 term (1st or 2nd Term)	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 2027-28.	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. Exchange information: https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/international-and-exchange-students/incoming-exchange-students 3. Course information: https://www.wu.ac.at/en/incoming-students/exchange-semester/academics/course-catalog/filter/97102/0/0/0//
7	Technical University of Denmark #	Denmark	1 term (1st or 2nd Term)	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 2027-28.	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: https://www.dtu.dk/english/Education/Incoming-students/Exchange 5. Course catalogue for exchange students: https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/incoming-students/exchange/choosing-courses
8	University of Aberdeen #	United Kingdom	~~1 term (1st or 2nd Term) or full academic year~~ *No quota is available.*	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); TOEFL is not accepted. 3. At least completed Year 2 before going on exchange	1. All disciplines are open except Medicine, Education, English and Linguistics (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: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/studyabroad 4. Course catalogue: https://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses/undergraduate 5. For Fall term participants, special arrangement for assessment during December can be made thus returning CUHK for second term is possible
9	San Diego State University #	United States	1 term (2nd Term only)	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 https://www.sdsu.edu/programs 3. Most courses of study (majors) are impacted at SDSU, as described at https://advising.sdsu.edu/majors/impacted_majors. "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	Stony Brook University #	United States	1 term (2nd Term only)	1. Cumulative GPA 2.8 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 such as Health-sciences (HAD), School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Dental Medicine and Pharmacology subjects. 2. Courses in Dance, Languages, Theatre Arts and some language courses are limited. 3. CSE/ISE - Limit 2 courses per semester 4. Accounting (ACC), Business (BUS), Computer Science (CSE) and Information Systems (ISE) has a limit of two courses per semester. 5. Minimum course load 12 US credits, maximum course load 17 US credits 6. On-campus housing guaranteed. Cannot guarantee that students will receive their preferred room choice.

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