

# University of Hong Kong, China

## 2020-2021 Study Abroad Fact Sheet



**Curricular Strengths:** Chinese Law, Corporate and Financial Law, Human Rights, Information, Technology and IP, ADR and Arbitration

<b>Program Dates</b>	Fall: September 1 – December 23, 2020 (Late August orientation) Spring: January 18 – May 29, 2020
<b>Important Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Law School Website:</b> <a href="https://www.law.hku.hk/">https://www.law.hku.hk/</a></li> <li>• <b>HKU Law Exchange Fact Sheet:</b> <a href="http://www.bu.edu/law/files/2019/09/HKU-Law_Exchange-Factsheet_2020-21.pdf">http://www.bu.edu/law/files/2019/09/HKU-Law_Exchange-Factsheet_2020-21.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>Academic Calendar:</b> <a href="http://www.bu.edu/law/files/2019/09/HKU_Academic_Calendar_2020-21_Tentative-1.pdf">http://www.bu.edu/law/files/2019/09/HKU_Academic_Calendar_2020-21_Tentative-1.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>Law Library:</b> <a href="https://lib.hku.hk/index.html">https://lib.hku.hk/index.html</a></li> <li>• <b>Housing:</b> <a href="https://www.cedars.hku.hk/index.php?route=accommodation/information/details&amp;accommodation_id=40">https://www.cedars.hku.hk/index.php?route=accommodation/information/details&amp;accommodation_id=40</a></li> </ul>
<b>Host School Deadlines</b>	<p>HKU Application Periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 31 – May 15 (fall studies)</li> <li>• September 1 – September 30 (spring studies)</li> </ul>
<b>Typical Course Load</b>	To reach the equivalent of 12 BU Law credits, participating students generally take at least four courses. Most classes meet for three hours a week (two hours of lecture and one hour of tutorial).
<b>Living Costs</b>	<p>These approximate costs are monthly and delineated in the Hong Kong Dollar unless otherwise noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing: \$2,850 - \$4,400</li> <li>• Food: \$3,400</li> <li>• Local Transportation: \$ 1,175</li> <li>• Books &amp; Supplies (total): \$6,285</li> <li>• Personal Expenses (total): \$6,000</li> <li>• Estimated Total Expenses: \$49,500 (USD \$6,385) - \$57,200(USD \$7,375)</li> </ul> <p>HKU also requires the payment of a caution fee and several processing fees that will cost approximately HKD \$365.</p>
<b>Visas</b>	<p>BU Law students must obtain visas in order to study in Hong Kong. To apply, you need to submit your original visa application document to the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), <a href="https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/visamatters/policy">https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/visamatters/policy</a> who on behalf of HKU will sponsor your visa application, once you are admitted by HKU's Law Faculty. Processing normally takes four to six weeks.</p>

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<b>Program Timing</b>	<p>Both the fall and spring semesters at HKU extend past BU Law’s semesters. Fall participants may need to remain in Hong Kong through early January to complete final exams. HKU has informed us, however, that most exams will be administered before December 23 and that BU students will be permitted to schedule early exams; that said, OGIP cannot guarantee that this will be possible or make arrangements on behalf of selected students. Fall students must meet with each of their professors early in the semester in order to confirm their exam schedules and arrangements.</p> <p>HKU has confirmed its willingness to administer spring exams early to accommodate students’ schedules. Still, there is no absolute guarantee that 3Ls will be able to complete their HKU studies prior to BU Law graduation or on time for bar certification. Completion dates depend on course timings and the form of assessment. While 3Ls have completed the program in time for graduation in the past, we encourage them to participate in the fall, as it is highly unlikely that BU Law will receive grades from HKU in time for BU’s grading deadline. Thus, any 3L who participates in the spring program should expect to march at BU’s commencement with a notation in the commencement booklet that the JD degree “will be conferred upon completion of degree requirements.” Likewise, 2Ls who are interested in spring studies at HKU may need to make special arrangements with their summer employers to begin work in mid-June. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to arrange to return to the US prior to the end of May or early June, since it depends on the availability of seminars and the flexibility of individual professors.</p>
<b>Special Considerations</b>	<p><b>Health insurance:</b> HKU provides comprehensive primary health care to eligible students through a clinic on the main campus. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID) are required to pay full fees for services in government hospitals. Students are recommended to have insurance covering their entire stay in Hong Kong.</p> <p><b>Housing:</b> Because of the limited inventory of on-campus housing available at HKU for visiting exchange students, HKU does not guarantee on-campus arrangements. The school will, however, entertain students’ requests to live in an on-campus apartment as well as help students locate and secure off-campus accommodations.</p>
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