

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Important Notice for HKU Social Sciences Exchange/ Visiting Students

To: Exchange / Visiting Students admitted in the 2019-20 Academic Year

Welcome to the Faculty of Social Sciences! We write further to the attached email from the International Affairs Office (IAO) to provide you with additional information concerning your studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

1. Registration

Please follow the registration procedures as follows:

Step 1

Activate your HKU Portal account and complete the online master registration. The login account details were sent by the IAO (Exchange Students) in early August or will be sent by the Faculty Office (Visiting Students) soon. Please refer to the IAO's email for details.

Step 2

Visit the IAO ([Global Lounge, G/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre](#)) to obtain the orientation registration package during office hours (Mondays to Fridays 09:00 - 17:30) and submit the application form for Student Card with the following 3 items –

- i) a completed application form with a recent photograph
- ii) a copy of study visa (for those require student visas)
- iii) a copy of HKID / passport (the page with the holder's personal particulars)

In order to facilitate future communication, please update your local correspondence address and contact number in your HKU account (Student Portal).

2. Orientation

To help you understand more about HKU and Hong Kong, an orientation will be held by the Faculty in addition to the one offered by the HKU Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) / IAO. The two orientations will be on the same day. Details are as follows:

Date: August 30, 2019 (Friday)

Morning Session:

Time: 09:45 - 14:00

Venue: Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus

Organisers: CEDARS and IAO

Afternoon Session

Time: 16:30 - 18:00

Venue: CPD-3.04, 3/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus

Organiser: Faculty of Social Sciences (Your host Faculty)

[Register here](#)

You are highly encouraged to join us.

3. Induction Forum and Welcoming Reception for New Social Sciences Students

Apart from the Orientation, you should also join the Induction Forum and Welcoming Reception for Social Sciences Students with details as follows.

Date: August 28, 2019 (Wednesday)

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: CPD-LG. 08-09, Centennial Campus, HKU

Topic: How can the government and young people facilitate effective communication between them?

Speakers:

Mr. Raymond Mak, Co-founder & CEO, Farmacy HK & Former President, HKUSU (2003-2004)

Miss Yvonne Leung, BSocSc(G&L), LLB and PCLL graduate & Former President, HKUSU (2014-2015)

Dr. Christian Chan, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, HKU

The aims of the Forum are to introduce students the perspectives in the social sciences on critical issues that resonate both globally and locally, and to challenge and stretch students' imaginations. Please go to the link below for additional details:

Link: www.socsc.hku.hk/induction

Login: foss

Password: induction

4. Course Selection

- a) Please refer to the IAO's email about the details of the course selection period. The regulations governing the selection of courses can be found in the [“Regulations and Syllabuses”](#). As a Social Sciences student, you should select 50% or more courses offered by the Faculty, including courses offered by the China Studies programme, the Departments of Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work and Social Administration, and the Journalism and Media Studies Centre and with prefixes SINO, GEOG, POLI, PSYC, SOCI, SOWK and JMISC respectively.
- b) You are encouraged to complete the course selection for both first and second semesters during the above course selection period if you are on full-year exchange studies. For any reason you subsequently wish to make changes in your course selection, you may do so in the first and second weeks (during the add/drop period) via SIS after the commencement of the semesters
- c) The course list offered to Exchange / Visiting students in the 2019-2020 academic year is available at <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/orientation> (under “Course list for Exchange / Visiting Students in the 2019-2020 academic year”) or http://www.socsc.hku.hk/ug_courselist_2019-2020. Detailed information on available courses is also available via the respective departmental websites or upon request from the relevant departmental office(s).
- d) The first semester of the 2019-2020 academic year begins on **Monday, September 2, 2019**, and you are expected to attend lectures and other academic activities from that day onwards. Please visit the website(s) of the department(s) from which you have selected courses and pay attention to the emails sent by departments and teachers, as they will give further details regarding the timetables of courses, books to be used, and so on. You should also check the locations of the classrooms for lectures and tutorials accordingly. Emails will be sent to your HKU account (each student will be given a HKU email account after registration). Please check it regularly for the latest course selection information / events / notices from the Faculty and the University. **NO** email will be sent to your home university email account.

5. Faculty's Buddy Mentor Scheme

A buddy mentor, a student from Year II or above at HKU, will be assigned to provide you with support and guidance in all aspects. Your buddy mentor will contact you soon via your email. You are highly encouraged to keep in touch with him / her.

6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and Calendar of Major Events

You are highly encouraged to read the attached FAQ which lists most of the queries from the Exchange / Visiting students. You may also refer to http://www.socsc.hku.hk/academic_matters.html > Exchange / Visiting Students for details.

7. Useful Links

[Academic Support and Examinations Section \(ASE\)](#)

[Centre of Development and Resources for Students \(CEDARS\)](#)

[China Affairs Office \(CAO\)](#)

[Non-local Students Welcome Guide](#)

[International Affairs Office \(IAO\)](#)

[University Health Service \(UHS\)](#)

We wish you a happy and fruitful campus life at HKU and look forward to seeing you at the orientation.

Yours faithfully,

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