

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) 2025/2026

Study level	Undergraduate (Bachelor)
Home faculty at GU	Faculty of Science
Studies at GU	Master in Geography

Courses during exchange

- Urban Regeneration (URSP3700)
- Urban Geography (GRMD2303)
- Urban and Regional Planning (GRMD3233)
- Digital Sociology (SOCI3238)
- Social Stratification (SOCI3002)

Studies

Courses run parallel to each other, compared to one after the other as in Sweden. Workload seemed a bit more intense, but could be that it was because of my choice in courses, also that you have to take 5 (6 erts) courses here instead equivalent 4 (7.5 erts) as in Sweden.

Arrival, orientation and housing

Arrival went smoothly, had to get from the airport to the university myself which was not that difficult with a cab. After that I was directed around by campus personnel to the arrival registry and then to my dorm.

Finances

Rent is significantly cheaper at CUHK, both compared to Sweden but also other Universities in Hong Kong. This coupled with guaranteed accommodation made it a very appealing choice. Everyday life expenses varied, but on average I think I spent as much as in Sweden on food and clothes etc., difference is that I bought zero groceries here and ate out every day. It is possible to cook, but generally not worth it as one would have to buy cooking equipment and groceries are quite expensive, especially dairy products.

Life in a new country/culture

Great! Hong Kong is a very well connected city, in the middle of east/south-east Asia makes it a very good place to travel elsewhere from. There is a bit of pressure to go

elsewhere too, as almost every single exchange student will rush to go to Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, China and Japan etc.

It was also nice to get visa-free access to China in November, albeit a bit late as exam season came up around then too so I did not have enough time to go deeper into China.

Hong Kong is also a great city. There is never a shortage of things to do and see and eat and smell. You also never really feel far from home either as it really lives up to the name of Asia's world city. I could always find things to comfort and remind me of home if I needed that.

Overall exchange experience

Excellent, learned a lot (both on and off campus). Made some good relationships too.