

Notes for Non-local Visiting Applicants (Undergraduate)

- Non-local students are persons who require a student visa/entry permit issued by the Immigration Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (the Immigration Department) to study in Hong Kong. Students who were issued a dependant visa/entry permit at age 18 or above are also regarded as non-local students. Please click [here](#) for details about the definition of local and non-local students.
- Non-local students must obtain a student visa/entry permit **before coming to Hong Kong** to study. For information on visa applications, please consult the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department at www.immd.gov.hk.
- For applicants from the Chinese Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China, the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period. If you need further information, please refer to [the Immigration Department's Guidebook for Entry for Study in Hong Kong](#).
- It normally takes 6 weeks or longer to process a student visa application. You are advised to apply well in advance to ensure that your visa is issued before the start of your visiting study. For assistance with student visa sponsorship and information on applying for student visa, please visit the website of the [Admissions Office](#).
- Due to visa restrictions, non-local visiting students are required to undertake a full-time study load ≥ 12 credits (i.e., at least four courses of three credit units each) in Semester A or B and at least six but no more than seven credit units in the Summer Term (i.e., at least two courses of three credit units each). Once an admission offer has been made and accepted by a non-local applicant, any change of credit load to fewer than 12 credit units (fewer than 6 credit units for the Summer Term) is normally not permitted.
- The University's class schedule for Semester B and Summer Term is normally available at the time of application. For admission in Semester A, class schedule is generally available in early August.
- It is **MANDATORY** for all non-local students to have suitable and adequate insurance which should include but not limited to travel, personal accident, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalization and emergency evacuation / repatriation throughout the entire period of their studies in Hong Kong. Students should arrange their own insurance before coming to Hong Kong. If they are not able to do so or would like to have additional coverage, they may enrol in the University-contracted insurance plan. For more information, please visit the website of the [Admissions Office](#).
- Visiting students are expected to prepare and arrange their own accommodation before their arrival in Hong Kong. For more information regarding off-campus accommodation options, please visit: www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm.