Tips for Non-local Taught Postgraduate Students

Global Engagement Office
Immigration Matters

• Any person who does not have the right of abode or right to land but wishes to come to Hong Kong for education must obtain a student visa or an entry permit for study issued by the Immigration Department before entering Hong Kong.

Requirements:

• **Minimum 12 credits per semester** to maintain full-time study status
• The visa validity should cover your whole period of study
• **Update your visa information on AIMS**
Holder must enter HK using the visa / entry permit on or before the date specified to activate it. Otherwise the label will be expired. Immigration Department of HKSAR Government does not allow extension of the deadline.

Don’t lose your landing slip during your stay in Hong Kong!
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- Non-local students should have a valid student visa when entering Hong Kong.

- Check the latest entry restrictions and quarantine requirements before departing for Hong Kong: https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html

- Contravening the quarantine requirement would be a criminal offence. Offenders are subject to fine and imprisonment.

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• If you cannot enter Hong Kong and activate your visa / entry permit before the deadline printed on the label due to special circumstances caused by the pandemic, you will need to:

  (1) inform Global Engagement Office (geovisa@cityu.edu.hk) about withdrawal of the visa before it’s expired

  (2) plan for applying for a new visa / entry permit
If you need to **extend your study period** in HK, please apply for an extension of stay **4 weeks** before the existing student visa / entry permit expires.

Make sure to check the requirements announced on Immigration Department’s website!

**Extension of Stay:**
https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/extension_of_stay_others.html
Can I work in Hong Kong?

Permission given to a person to land in Hong Kong as a student shall be subject to the conditions of stay that s/he shall **NOT**:

- take any employment, whether paid or unpaid; or
- establish or join in any business
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Can I work in Hong Kong?

• Check your **No Objection Letter (NOL)** issued by the Immigration Department on restrictions about employment and/or internship in Hong Kong.


• Immigration Department: [https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/](https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/)
Hong Kong Identity Card

- MUST apply within 30 days of arrival if your study period in HK exceeds 180 days

- You can make a prior appointment online or through phone call before going to the immigration offices.

- Immigration Department only accepts application forms submitted by electronic means, please visit www.gov.hk/icbooking to make prior appointment and pre-fill the application form.

- Processing time: 7 working days
Hong Kong Identity Card

• You will get an acknowledgement of application after the application procedure is completed.

• You should have the HKID with you at all times as a proof of your identity.

• With a valid HKID card, you can use medical services provided by public hospitals with public charges.

• Registration / Replacement of HK Identity Card: https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/hkid/reg_replace.html#above_18
Insurance

• Non-local students are required to have suitable and adequate insurance for the entire period of their study at CityU.

• The insurance should, at least, cover travel, personal accidents, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalization and emergency evacuation/repatriation.

• You can source an insurance plan that suits your needs.

• Please be careful when choosing your insurance plans. Make sure that you understand the details of the policy.

• It is recommended that students also discuss with their insurer whether their policy will provide strike, riot, civil commotion and pandemic coverage.
Insurance

• CityU-contracted insurance plan is available and it provides relatively basic coverage such as personal accident and medical benefits.

• 2021-22 Basic Package Premium: HK$266

• Top-Up Package Premium: HK$1,485 (HK$266 + HK$1,219 for Top-Up)

• More information about the CityU-contracted insurance plan: http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/cns_healthninsur.htm
Octopus Card

• Multi-functional
  • Transportation
  • Dining
  • Shopping

• Full-time students between the age of 12 and 25 may apply for MTR Student Travel Scheme and enjoy concessionary rate.

• Please refer to relevant application details announced by the Student Development Services.
Adverse Weather Arrangements

- Please pay attention to announcements made by the University.
Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS)

- Admission matters for taught postgraduate, research and professional doctoral students
- Student record services
- [https://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/](https://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/)

Student Development Services (SDS)

- Psychological counselling
- Student life & cultural activities
- Career advising
- Scholarship & student finance
- Physical education & sports team
- [https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds/web/index_main.shtml](https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds/web/index_main.shtml)
Student Support

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Shuk-lin Language Centre (LC)

• English language learning enhancement
• Learning resources for a variety of languages

• https://www.cityu.edu.hk/lc/

Run Run Show Library (LIB)

• Books and digital resources
• http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/

Computing Services Centre (CSC)

• IT facilities, courses & support
• https://www.cityu.edu.hk/csc/
Useful Platforms

Flights:  https://www.hongkongairport.com/en/
  https://www.scmp.com/
Hong Kong Government:  https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/
Weather Conditions:  https://www.hko.gov.hk/m/home.htm
Put Safety First

• No matter where you are, what you are doing, always put safety first.

• Hong Kong Emergency Hotline: 999

• CityU 24-hour Security Hotline: 3442 8888

• Stay healthy and seek medical help when necessary.
Stay Vigilant

Latest scam alerts:
www.adcc.gov.hk
Global Engagement Office

https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/

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