



Non-JUPAS (Local) Admissions Scheme (2021 Entry)

Guide on Application for Admission (Full-time Undergraduate Studies)

Applications are invited from local students studying in Hong Kong or abroad for admission to undergraduate studies on the strength of qualifications other than the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.

Non-JUPAS (Local) Admissions Scheme is for local applicants.

Non-local applicants are those who:

- (a) require a student visa/entry permit to study in Hong Kong; or*
- (b) are holders of a visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG); or*
- (c) are holders of a dependant visa/entry permit who were 18 years old or above when they were issued with such visa/entry permit by the Director of Immigration.*

Application Deadlines:

Advance Offer Round Deadline: 18 November 2020

Regular Round Deadline: 13 January 2021

You may submit your application through on-line application: <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/non-jupas-yr-1/application-details.html>

The information give here is accurate as of September 2021. Please refer to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid website at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk> for the latest information.

I. General Entrance Requirements

A. *For applicants seeking admissions on the strength of qualifications other than Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education*

Candidates shall be eligible to apply for admission, if by 1 September of the year in which admission is sought, they possess any of the following qualifications:

Secondary/ High School Qualifications

(i) GCE AL/International AL/IB

- GCE AL / International AL (passes 3AL/ 2AL+2AS in one sitting, all grades must be obtained from examinations taken within a twelve-month period.)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (Please check subject preferences of the programmes at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/non-jupas-yr-1/requirements.html>)

For candidates who have completed only GCE AS or the first year of IB Diploma studies with outstanding results, they may be considered for admission under special circumstances on individual merits case-by-case.

(ii) HKALE

- Grade E or above in at least seven subjects in HKCEE; and
- Grade E or above in at least 2 AL and 2 AS subjects in HKALE (one of the two AL subjects may be substituted by two additional AS subjects. AS subjects refer to all AS subjects under HKALE including Chinese Language & Culture and Use of English)

(iii) Other high school qualifications

A recognised non-local qualification which qualifies them for admission to a university in the country/region where such qualification is originated (e.g. high school diploma plus SAT/ACT and SAT subject tests/AP tests in USA, OSSD/BC diploma in Canada, ATAR in Australia, GSAT/AST in Taiwan, UEC/ STPM in Malaysia, AISSCE(CBSE)/ISC in India, SMA in Indonesia, etc.). Please refer to our website for details.

Post-secondary qualifications

- Completed at least one year of undergraduate study at a recognised university
- Completed at least one year of study leading to the qualification of associate degree/higher diploma or its equivalent

Applicants who have successfully completed a local course of study leading to the qualification of local associate degree/higher diploma may apply for first year and/or senior year admission. Please refer to the "Non-JUPAS Admissions Scheme for Sub-degree Holders" for further information. (<http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/non-jupas-senior/requirements.html>)

Mature applicants

Mature persons aged 23 or above on 1 September in the year in which admission is sought, provided they are able to show either by publication or by other acceptable evidence that they have achieved sufficient competence in their chosen field of study to justify admission; or have shown exceptional ability in appropriate academic or professional fields

Exceptional achievements

Have other exceptional achievements which merit admission

B. *For applicants currently undertaking undergraduate studies in UGC-funded institutions and seeking transfer admissions*

According to the guidelines of the University Grants Committee (UGC), unless under exceptional circumstances, applicants who may have to repeat a year of study on transfer across institutions should generally be given a lower priority in admissions.

II. Language Requirements

Applicants should have attained an acceptable level of proficiency in the English and Chinese languages. Below are the minimum required scores or grades for some of the more commonly accepted examinations.

Test (English Language)	Minimum Requirement
IELTS	6.0
TOEFL (iBT)	80
GCSE/ IGCSE	C/ Grade 4
GCE OL	C
GCE AL/ AS	E
IB	4
SAT Reasoning Test Essay Score (before March 2016)	8
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	590
ACT combined English/ Writing (before September 2015)	23
ACT English Language Arts (ELA)	23
Australian State or Territory High School Certificate Grade 12 English	80%
Canadian Grade 12 English	70%
Indian Central or State Board Exam Grade 12 English	80%
Malaysian SPM/ UEC-Senior English Language	C/ B4
Singapore GCE A-Level H1 General Paper	C
Taiwan GSAT (學測) / AST (指考) English	Top 13% of the cohort
HKDSE	Level 3
HKALE	E
HKCEE	E/Level 2

Test (Chinese Language)	Minimum Requirement
GCE AL/AS	E
GCSE/IGCSE	C/ Grade 4
GCE OL	C
IB	4
AP	3
HKDSE	Level 3
HKALE	E
HKCEE	E/Level 2

Waivers of the Chinese language admission requirement may be granted at the discretion of the Faculty Deans concerned if the non-JUPAS applicants concerned have pursued a curriculum leading to a recognised non-local qualification at secondary or above level prior to admission.

III. Programme-specific Requirements

In addition to satisfying the University requirements, applicants shall satisfy the additional requirements of the programme concerned.

IV. Admission with Advanced Standing

Applicants who meet specific requirements as stipulated by the University for particular qualifications (including IB, GCE AL/International AL, Cambridge Pre-U, HKALE, associate degree and higher diploma) may apply for "Admission with Advanced Standing". The minimum number of units for graduation for students admitted with Advanced Standing may be reduced by up to 24 (normative period of study may be reduced by up to one year).

V. Selection Criteria

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their educational background and non-academic achievements. If they are invited to attend an interview, their performance at the interview will also be taken into consideration.

VI. Credit Transfer

Applicants who have successfully completed courses at undergraduate level and have been admitted to the University may apply for course and unit exemption **after they have registered as a student of the University**. Such applications will be considered on individual merits case-by-case.

VII. Advance Offer

To facilitate outstanding candidates in making informed decisions among all early offers they receive from various universities, candidates who apply to CUHK on or before 18 November 2020 will be considered for advance offers. In this round, applicants may be considered for either a firm or conditional offer depending on individual merits, and those selected for advance offers will be notified by mid-January 2021.

Applicants who are not given an advance offer will compete on equal footing with all other applicants in the regular round, the application deadline of which is 13 January 2021.

VIII. Application Deadlines

Advance offer Round Deadline

On-line Application: **18 November 2020** (11:59 p.m.)

Regular Round Deadline

On-line Application: **13 January 2021** (11:59 p.m.)

All applications submitted by the regular round deadline of 13 January 2021 will receive first consideration. Late applications may be considered subject to availability of places.

IX. Application Timeline

2020	18 November	Deadline for submission of Advance Offer applications ¹
2021	13 January	Deadline for submission of applications ¹
	By Mid-January	Notifications to successful applicants for Advance Offer²
	February - August	Notifications to successful applicants in regular round²
	Mid-August – September	Registration and course selection for new students
	Early September	1st teaching term commences

- Remarks:
1. Only one application is required for admission purposes. Those who have submitted their applications are not required to submit a separate application for subsequent selection round(s).
 2. Successful applicants should pay the first instalment of composition fees of HK\$5,000 and complete offer acceptance procedures by a specified date; otherwise the admission offer will become null and void.

X. Submission of Application

1. Before submitting your application, please make sure that you have fully completed your application and upload the following supporting documents:

- (i) A photocopy of your Hong Kong Identity Card / Dependant Visa / Passport (*For verification purpose only. It will be deleted from the applicant's file after the said purpose has been served.*)
- (ii) Copies of your academic transcripts and public examination results and other credentials (if applicable):
 - high school reports / transcripts and graduation certificate / diploma
 - diploma / sub-degree transcripts and graduation certificate
 - university transcripts / degree certificate
 - result slip(s) of public examination(s) (e.g. IB / GCE / GCSE / IGCSE / SAT / ACT / AP / HKDSE / HKCEE / HKALE / GAO KAO / others). The University Code for College Board (for submission of SAT/AP results) is 5690, and for ACT is 7050.
 - English / Chinese language test results (e.g. TOEFL / IELTS / others). The University Code for submission of TOEFL results is 0812.
 - certificates in support of professional / academic achievements

(Remarks: Please do not send your original documents by post. The University will not be responsible for any documents lost in mailing. Transcripts and diplomas which are not in English or Chinese must be accompanied by an official English language translation.)

- (iii) Recommendation of an academic referee (online or by hardcopy)
- Via **online system**: You can submit up to 3 referees' information and check the referee submission status in the section "Online Recommendation Form" **after submitting the online application and settling the application fee**. Your referee will then receive an invitation email to login the "Online Confidential Recommendation System" to complete the Confidential Recommendation/Referee Report.
 - By **hardcopy**: You can print Confidential Recommendation Form in the section "Paper Recommendation Form". The completed form should be sent in a sealed envelope by post by either you or your referee directly to our office.
2. All necessary documentary evidence must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid once available. **Early submission is recommended and can facilitate the process of applications.** Applications may not be processed and application results may be affected if applicants fail to submit necessary documentary evidence. All submitted documents will not be returned to applicants.
 3. **Original certificates in support of the qualifications listed in the application will be required for verification upon request by the University before student registration. Applicants who fail to produce these for verification WILL result in disqualification of their applications for admission and subsequent enrolments in the University.**
 4. **Applicants must not submit more than one online application, or their applications will be disqualified.**
 5. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid before the stipulated deadline at: <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/non-jupas-yr-1/application-details.html>

XI. Application Fee

1. **The online application fee is HK\$450 for 2021 entry. The application fee, once paid, is not refundable irrespective of whether the application is successful or otherwise.**
2. Applicants may pay the application fee via ONLINE payment by either VISA or MASTERCARD through our Online Application System at the time of submission.
3. Failure to pay the application fee will result in delay in processing of the application.

XII. Points to Note After Submission of Application

1. If the submission is successful, you will receive an acknowledgement e-mail with an assigned application number.
2. For updates on any information after submission, please notify our Office using the online application system functions OR by e-mail, mail, fax or in person.
3. You can check your application status online after your submission of application and settlement of application fee.
4. Please quote your **full name** and **application number** in all enquiries or correspondences.

XIII. Privacy Data Ordinance

The information we collect from your application form will be used for the following purposes:

1. for all types of processing of applications for admission to undergraduate programmes offered by the University and other relevant or related purposes, including for verifying information about the applicant's candidature for public examinations and studies from the relevant institutions in Hong Kong and elsewhere; and for identifying multiple applications and records of previous studies as a student in the University and other institutions; and for the processing of admission scholarships/bursaries.
2. as part of applicants' student records upon registration to a programme, which will be used for all purposes relating to their studies in accordance with the procedures of the University.

3. to ensure you are well connected with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and be informed of the latest news, please note that we will continue to deliver information including admissions-related news/ announcements, updates on programmes, campus news, students' sharing, any university events and activities to be held to you personally through various communications channels by using your personal data maintained in the database of the Office. Such personal data includes contact information of your email address, correspondence address, mobile phone number and telephone number.

Personal data will be kept confidential and handled by the University's staff members. The University may pass some of the data to appointed persons to undertake some of its academic and administrative functions.

XIV. Enquiries

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Telephone: (852) 3943 8949 / 3943 1520

Fax: (852) 2603 5184

Online enquiry: www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm/nonjupas/enquiry

Address: Rm 1202, 12/F Yasumoto International Academic Park
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong

Website: <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk>

Notes for Completing the Application Form

Applicants should provide accurate, complete and up-to-date information as requested in the online application. Those who fail to do so may result in disqualification of their applications for admission and subsequent enrolments in the University.

Note 1 Applicants who possess the Hong Kong Identity Card should fill in their HKID No.

Note 2 Non-local applicants should apply via the 'International Students Admissions Scheme' (<http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/international/requirements.html>).

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If you have any doubts or queries on your status, please contact the Immigration Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government (website: <http://www.info.gov.hk/immd>; email: enquiry@immd.gov.hk).

Note 3 Please refer to the "Programme / Stream List (2021 Entry)" on our website (<http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/programme-list.html>) for programmes / streams offered by the University in the 2021/22 academic year.