



The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | MBA Exchange Factsheet – Academic Year 2025-26

MBA Program Highlights

No.1 in HK, Financial Times Global MBA Ranking 2024

Aims Achieved Top Spot in Asia

No.1 MBA Program in Asia-Pacific

Bloomberg Businessweek Best Business Schools & MBA Programs 2024-25

Vibrant Student Life in the Heart of Asia

Asia Business: An East-meets-West hub less than 5 hours' flight away from all Asia's key markets

MBA Life: Welcoming Day, Alumni & Networking Events, Corporate Visits, Sports Tournament, Student Club Activities...

Flexible Exchange Term Options

Both full-term (16 weeks) and half-term (8 weeks) exchange options available



The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

HKUST is a dynamic and forward-thinking University that embraces a truly global outlook and an innovative spirit. Founded in 1991, we have rapidly established ourselves as a top global institution and built a respectable reputation in the region by aligning our world-class educational resources with the growth momentum of Asia.

HKUST campus occupies 60 hectares in Clear Water Bay of Sai Kung and is located just 30-45 minutes from the downtown business centre and 70-90 minutes from the international airport.



HKUST Business School

We offer a full suite of degree programs, including undergraduate, MBA, EMBA, MSc, PhD, and a wide range of executive education programs. Additionally, our Kellogg-HKUST EMBA program has garnered remarkable global recognition, having achieved the top spot in the world according to Financial Times rankings for 12 times in the past.

We are also the first business school in the region accredited by both the US-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

HKUST MBA Community

Join us and become a member of our global MBA network

MBA Community Intake 2024 At A Glance



210+

Class Size



32

Average Age



8

Average Years of Working Experience



50%

Female Students

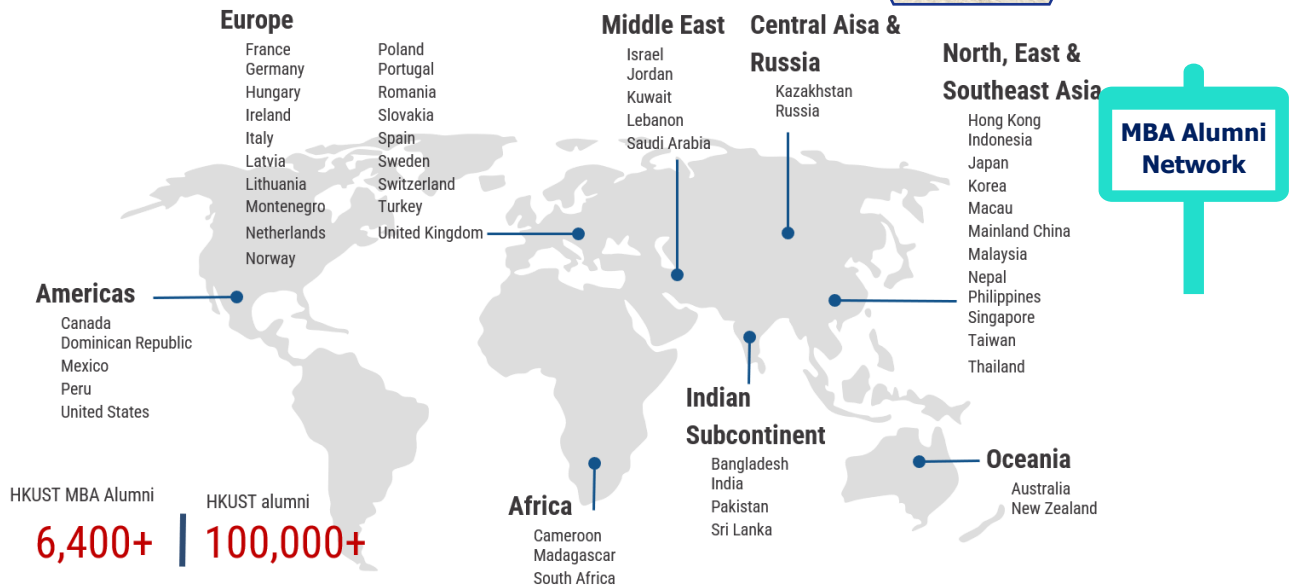


64%

Non-Local Students



** Activities are subject to availability.*



Data as of Aug 28 2024.

What did our exchange students say?



Vincent MAHLOKO
HEC Paris

"The HKUST campus is undoubtedly **one of the most beautiful in the world**. It also has everything on it, making a student's life very easy and convenient. Meanwhile, **Hong Kong is an amazing city with fantastic food**. I adore the blend of the big city vibes combined with nature, complemented by an exceptional transportation system that can take you everywhere with ease.

Most of my courses at HKUST MBA were exceptional! The **professors are top-tier** and have a great sense of humor. We enjoyed a lot of giggles in the classes with them. Their wealth of industry experience adds immense value to what they teach, as they have **hands-on experience in addition to their academic expertise**. This allows them to provide insights into the corporate world and its intricacies, imparting wisdom based on their own experiences."

"I had a fantastic experience as an exchange student at HKUST. Thanks to the care and support from the MBA office, I feel truly appreciated and valued. HKUST boasts a **robust academic system with highly knowledgeable professors**. Take my consulting class as an example: the professor delved deep into each case analysis and imparted systematic knowledge to us, drawing from his own diverse experience as a consultant in the real business world.

The international community at HKUST also fosters the **expansion of global perspectives without losing sight of the Asian and Chinese contexts**. Whether your goal is to pursue academic advancements or to leverage the market opportunities in the region, particularly within the financial industry, HKUST is undeniably a great choice."



Carrie YANG
Fudan University



Madeline DEYSINE
University of California,
Berkeley

"Hong Kong is a vibrant city for discovery, and **home to a mix of cultures, histories, and experiences**. The HKUST campus offers a beautiful respite from the dense hustle and bustle of Hong Kong Island. I enjoyed spending full days on campus – swimming laps in the outdoor pool, enjoying scenic walks along the bay shore, or studying with friends at the business school building. It offered everything I needed to feel at home in a new place.

At HKUST, you will learn just as much from your peers as you will from your professors. The MBA Program brings together **top thinkers and students from all over the world**. Professors are passionate about driving the growth of students through comprehensive simulations and interactive exercises. Students' learning is not just grounded in business fundamentals, but also in the experiences of diverse teachers and students who become my trusted network."

Important Dates

Nomination Deadlines for Exchange School Coordinators

Required Information – Full English Name, Email Address, Gender, Nationality, Exchange Term

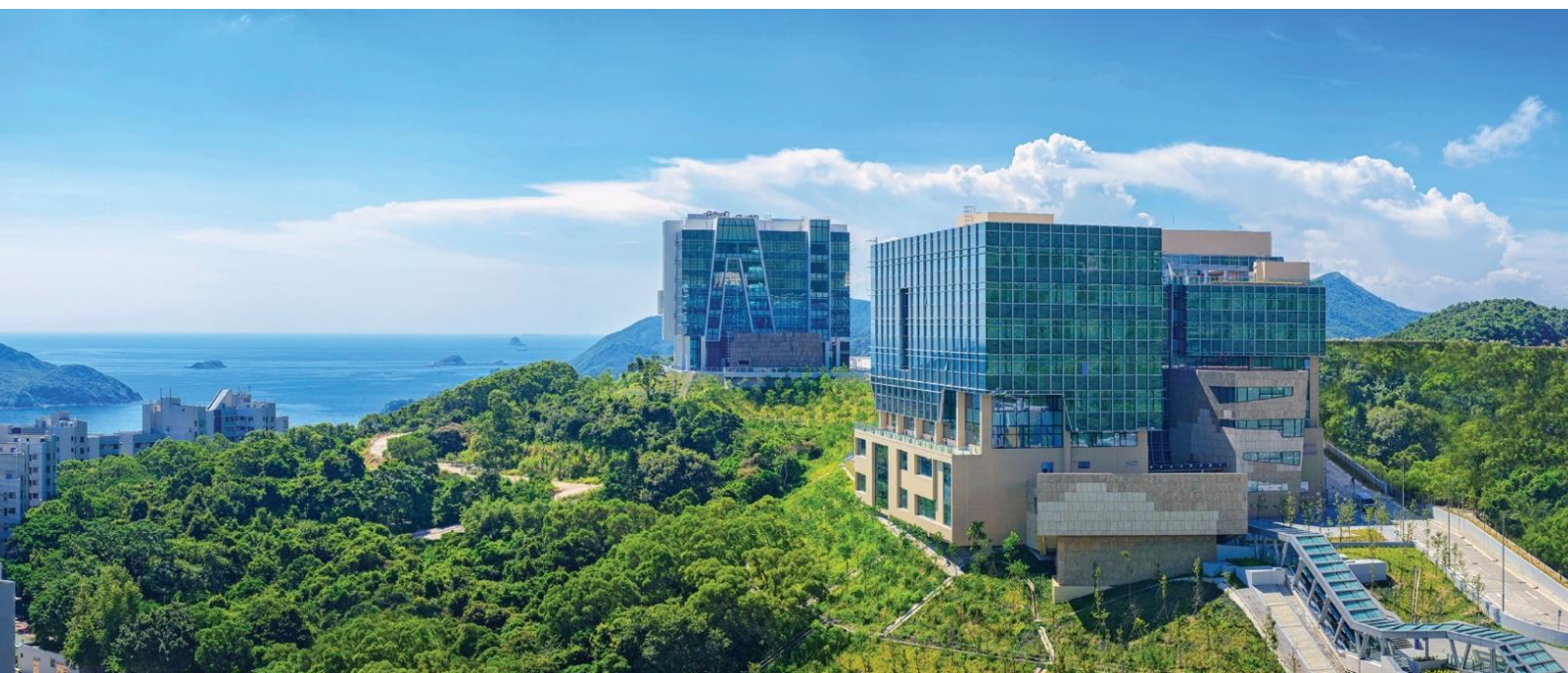
- **Fall: March 30, 2025**
- **Spring: September 28, 2025**

Available Exchange Terms & Timelines (Tentative and subject to changes)

Our **Fall and Spring terms are divided into two half-terms (1st & 2nd)**, providing exchange student with the flexibility to choose between an 8-week Half-Term or a 16-week Full-Term exchange.

Once registered successfully in the program, students are required to arrive in Hong Kong before the term begins and complete self-enrolment of courses on the University's online system. All course quotas are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Term		Term Begins	Term Ends	Examinations (if any)	Self-Course Enrolment
Fall 2025	1 st	Aug 25, 2025	Oct 26, 2025	Oct 20-26, 2025	From Aug 22, 2025
	2 nd	Oct 27, 2025	Dec 21, 2025	Dec 15-21, 2025	
Spring 2026	1 st	Jan 26, 2026	Mar 29, 2026	Mar 23-29, 2026	From Jan 22, 2026
	2 nd	Mar 30, 2026	May 31, 2026	May 25-31, 2026	



In-person Exchange

Nominated students will receive the details and guidance from our team in each stage



A. STUDENT VISA

Student visas will be required for all full-time and in-person incoming exchange students **without the right of abode in Hong Kong** (i.e. non-Hong Kong citizens). Please let us know in advance if your circumstances are different.

Students will need to courier the visa application materials to the MBA Office. It may take **up to 2 months** for visa approval by the HKSAR's Immigration Department. Upon approval, students will be notified to download the e-visa label.

Mainland Chinese students holding PRC passports will need an additional 2-4 weeks to apply for an EEP (往來港澳通行證) and relevant exit endorsement (赴港簽注) on their own after the visa label is approved.

B. COMPULSORY HKUST TRAVEL INSURANCE

The University policy stipulates that all postgraduate studies, including exchange-in students, are required to subscribe to the [HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan](#), **on a mandatory basis**, at least one month before the commencement date of the exchange period.

Please check the [Application Form](#) and [Coverage](#) of the HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan. Your insurance coverage must include the whole study period.

C. OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

The on-campus hall is not available for short-term exchange students due to the limited supply. Students are strongly recommended to visit the off-campus accommodation before signing a lease. A Housing Guide can be found at [Off-Campus Housing](#).

Elective classes will take place either on the Clearwater Bay campus (normally on weekends) or in downtown areas such as Central (on weekday evenings). Here are some recommended locations to consider for your accommodation.

Location	Near Clear Water Bay campus (e.g. Hang Hau / Sai Kung)	Near Downtown areas (e.g. HK Island Along MTR Stations)
Features	Just 15 minutes from Clear Water Bay campus by public transportation	For dining, shopping, and weekday evening classes in HKUST Business School Central
Monthly Rent Range	HK\$15,000-22,000 for a 2-bedroom apartment in Hang Hau (400-600 sq. ft.)	HK\$20,000-35,000 for a studio flat/suite

➤ **Approximate Living Expenses**

	Estimated HKD (per full term/4 months)
Off-campus accommodation (shared living)	40,000
Living expenses	28,000
HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance	1,000 (Estimated)
Books & Supplies	3,500 (Estimated)
Total	72,500 (~US\$9,300)



D. PRE-ARRIVAL - COMMUNICATION GROUP AND ONLINE ORIENTATION

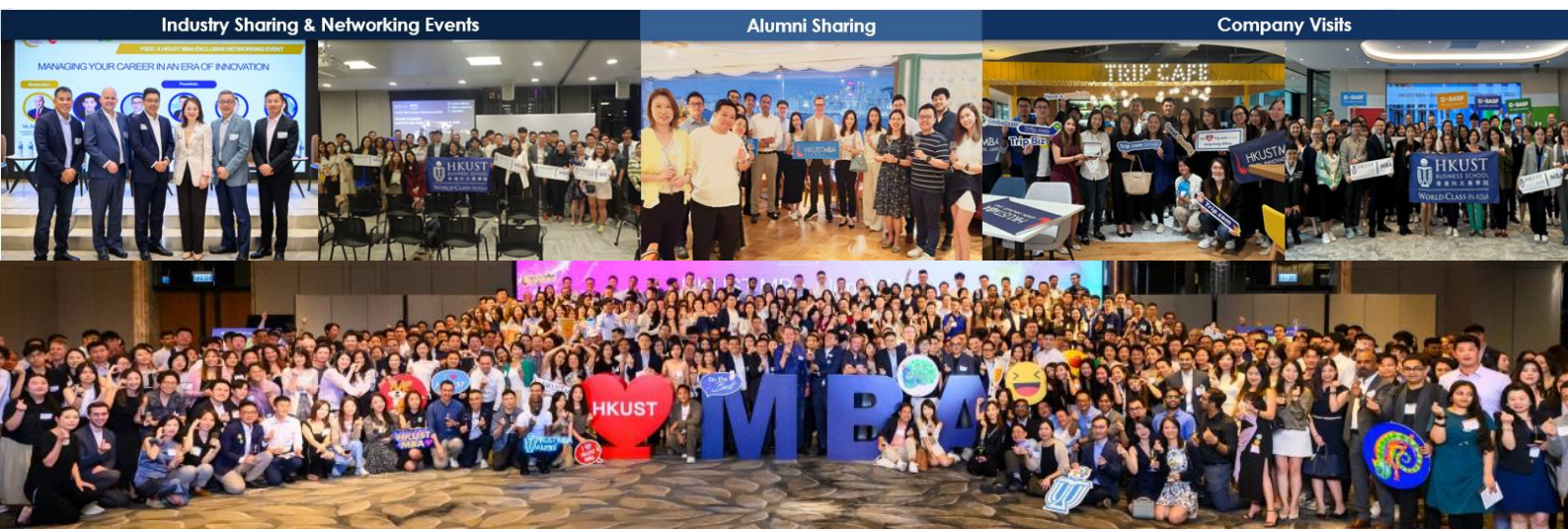
A communication group will be created through a mobile app to help you connect with other HKUST MBA exchange students. You can also find potential accommodation partners in Hong Kong in the group.

An online orientation will be held before the enrollment period begins, where we will provide essential information for your pre-arrival preparations and course arrangements for your study planning.

E. WELCOME DAY AND EVENTS IN HKUST MBA

You will be invited to the Welcome Day at the start of the exchange term.

Additionally, there will be a series of MBA events open to the entire MBA community, including exchange students. You will meet and network with other HKUST MBA students and alumni at these events, such as executive exchange talks, alumni mixers, company visits, student club activities, etc.



Academic Arrangements

At HKUST MBA, we are committed to delivering a world-class education, featuring top-notch faculty from around the globe with diverse professional expertise.

A. ELECTIVE OPTIONS IN FALL AND SPRING (PARTIAL LIST)

Below is a partial list of courses offered for the academic year 2024–2025 for your reference. *Please note that offerings for 2025–2026 and the specific terms for each course are tentative and subject to change.*

- Management Consulting
- ESG in Finance in Hong Kong
- Digital Transformation in The Exponential Age
- Doing Tech in Asia and China
- Economic Development in Asia: A Practitioner’s Perspective
- Doing Tech in Asia and China
- Macro Investment Strategy in Practice
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) in China
- Mastering the Customer Experience
- Digital and Social Media Strategy
- Launching and Running a VC Firm
- Transforming Business with Artificial Intelligence
- Financial Advisory and Transaction Execution for M&A
- Managing Creativity and Innovation
- Design Thinking and New Product Development
- Understanding Consumers
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, and Their Business Applications
- AI, Innovation, and Product Management
- Fundamental Value Investing: Applications to Public & Private Equity
- Visualizing Data for Business Decisions
- Effective Negotiation
- Interpersonal Dynamics, Networking and the Art of Influencing Business Leaders
- Effective People Decisions: Unlocking the Power of Talent
- Applied M&A for Corporates
- Econometric Thinking for Business Strategists
- Mastering D2C Marketing
- Pricing Strategy
- And more.....



B. LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Language of Instruction	English
Course Structure	<p>Each MBA course is in either 2 credits (8 sessions) or 1 credit (4 sessions).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One HKUST MBA credit = 14 class hours. • Each session = 3.5 class hours. <p>Most courses have a Letter grade, except some 1-credit courses with a Pass/Fail grade only.</p>
Class Modes & Locations	<p>Mostly in Face-to-Face Mode at Clear Water Bay Campus or Downtown Venues (<i>refer to part D for more information</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekday daytime and weekend classes – Between 09:00-18:00; usually at Lee Shau Kee Business Building at HKUST Clear Water Bay Campus. • Weekday evening classes – Between 19:00-22:30; usually at downtown venues in Central / Admiralty, Hong Kong Island. <p>Some courses shared by the Digital MBA are offered in an online format. Please check if this may affect your credit transfer.</p> <p>All class arrangements and delivery modes are subject to actual circumstances.</p>
Class Formats	Lectures, computer simulations, case discussions, individual and group projects and presentations, supplemented by industry speaker-sharing sessions.
Attendance Policies	<p>Class attendance is mandatory. Select your courses carefully and enroll only if you can commit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing 25% of the classes will result in a grade deduction. • Missing more than 25% of a course will result in a “Fail” grade or withdrawal. • Some courses may require 100% class attendance.
Assessments	Exams (usually in the last week of the course, if any), projects and presentations, assignments, class work and participation, etc.
Study Loads & Options	<p>8 Credits will be granted by default for MBA elective course enrolment regardless of the exchange period. You will automatically receive 8 credits for enrolling in MBA elective courses, regardless of the exchange period.</p> <p>Core and language courses are NOT available for exchange students.</p>
Credit Overloading	If you require more than 8 HKUST credits to meet your home school requirements or graduation needs, requests must be made through the home school coordinator with the HKUST MBA Office. Approval is not guaranteed.
Enquiry & Support	Email us at mbaex@ust.hk for inquiries.

C. COURSE GRADING & TRANSCRIPT

An e-transcript will normally be sent to your home school's coordinator via email around 1.5 months after the completion of the exchange term.

For courses graded with "Pass/Fail", please note that no Letter Grade will be shown on your HKUST transcript. You are strongly recommended to check with your home school if it will affect your exchange credit transfer before course registration.

Letter Grade	Definitions
A+, A, A-	Excellent Performance
B+, B	Good Performance
B-, C+, C	Marginal Performance
F	Failure
Others*	
I	Incomplete
P	Pass, Ungraded

D. CLASS VENUES

- **Clear Water Bay Campus – [Lee Shau Kee Business School](#)**

Shuttle bus service is available for transportation to Clear Water Bay Campus on weekdays. You may refer to [here](#) for more information. The transportation arrangement may be subject to change.



- **Downtown venues on the Hong Kong Island**

In addition to our main campus at Clear Water Bay, some courses are offered in the downtown business epicenter of the city, providing students with easy access to a vibrant business environment, networking opportunities, and proximity to leading financial institutions and corporations.

[HKUST Business School Central](#) – Located in Central

[United Conference Centre \(UCC\)](#) - Located in Admiralty

No shuttle bus service is available for transportation to downtown class venues.



A. CAREER RESOURCES

Exchange students have access to the online MBA job board and career resources, such as Bloomberg Terminals. You will be invited to participate in selected corporate events organized by the HKUST MBA Career & Professional Development Team.

Additionally, the HKUST Career Centre hosts a variety of career events throughout the year, including recruitment talks and Career Mosaic, which showcases local, regional, and international employers interested in hiring HKUST undergraduate and postgraduate students, including MBA candidates.

Generally, non-local exchange students holding a study visa for a specific exchange term at HKUST are not eligible to work in Hong Kong. For more information, please consult the guidelines provided by the HK Immigration Department (see Q23 on the IMMD FAQ - [LINK](#)).

Please note that one-on-one coaching and career workshops are not available for exchange students. While MBA exchange students are considered to be HKUST MBA alumni, they do not hold university-level alumni status at HKUST.

B. BEAUTIFUL SEASIDE MAIN CAMPUS WITH A VARIETY OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

A variety of sports and recreational facilities includes the MBA student lounge, breakout rooms, multi-purpose gym, swimming pools, water sports center, tennis courts, soccer fields, cultural hall, exhibition areas, library, computer labs, restaurants, cafes, banks, a supermarket, and a hair salon. Please note that some facilities require your student card for access.



We look forward to seeing you on campus. Please contact us for any questions.