University of Hong Kong
Visa Instructions & Checklist

Review the visa information provided by HKU here.

- Students who have the right to abode in Hong Kong and a valid Hong Kong Permanent Residence Identity (HKID) Card do not need to apply for a visa to Hong Kong. Submit a copy of the front and back of your HKID card.

- According to Hong Kong Immigration policy, nationals from Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam are not allowed to undertake studies in Hong Kong and will not be issued a student visa.

- If you hold a passport from China (PRC), your visa process will depend on your country of permanent residence.
  A. If your country of permanent residence is China, you will need to apply for an “Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (EEP)” and a relevant exit endorsement from the Public Security Bureau office at your home town in China upon receipt of the Hong Kong visa label from HKU. Your visa application will go through the HKU China Affairs Office and the process is estimated to take at least 12 weeks. You will need to submit different forms and provide additional paperwork (e.g. bank draft, census record, ID card) to support your visa application. Submit the required documents to UCEAP, not HKU. UCEAP will forward the paperwork to HKU on your behalf. Contact the China Affairs Office at visaapp@hkucc.hku.hk for details.
  B. If your country of permanent residence is not China, you can apply for your Hong Kong visa the same way as other international students. The visa application will go through the HKU CEDARS Office and the process would take around 8 weeks. You will need to provide proof of permanent residency.

- Students holding a passport from Macau and/or Taiwan may be asked to submit additional paperwork (e.g. census record, ID card) to support their visa application.

- The host institution will act as visa sponsor for all international students. This means that they will submit your visa application and supporting documents to the Hong Kong Immigration Department on your behalf.

- The student visa process takes several weeks after you have been officially admitted by the host institution. Once the student visa has been approved, a visa label and official immigration letter will be issued for you. This will be sent to you via FedEx or similar delivery service. You will stick the label on a blank page in your passport prior to entering Hong Kong, and retain the letter to show an Immigration Officer when entering Hong Kong.

- When booking your flight, keep in mind that your student visa may not arrive until shortly before the start of the program. You are advised not to travel until you have received your student visa.

Complete and assemble the following items.

1) One (1) Official Passport Photograph. A sample and instructions will be provided for you.

2) Proof of Financial Support. It may take some time for you to procure the necessary documents for this requirement, so plan accordingly. You must have financial proof for the amount calculated on the visa application (ex. US$4,000 per semester). A current letter from your bank or bank statement with the equivalent amount in your account will be sufficient. You can also combine accounts, but must have a letter or bank statement for each one. If you are on financial aid or receiving a scholarship, a letter from the Financial Aid Office or Scholarship Organization stating your total award will suffice. You may also use a bank statement or letter from your parent/guardian account; however, they must complete the Parental Support Letter. Attach supporting financial documents to the visa application.
☐ **Parental Financial Support Letter** (if applicable). If you use a letter or bank statement from your parent’s bank account, your parents must also sign this letter stating that they agree to support you while in Hong Kong.

☐ **3) Visa Processing Fee.** This covers HKU sponsorship and the processing fee to the Hong Kong Immigration Department. You must use a credit card with your name on it. A sample and link will be provided for you.

☐ **4) Application for Sponsorship.** A sample and link will be provided for you.

☐ **5) Visa Application Form ID995A.** A sample and link will be provided for you.