

Hong Kong Baptist University
International Exchange Partner Information Updates

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Website of Institution	www.bsc.edu

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Student Exchange Information:

Beginning and end of Semesters (including examination dates)	<u>Semester 1</u> Starts: August 25 th , 2008 Ends: December 13 th , 2008	<u>Interim (optional)</u> Starts: January 2 nd , 2009 Ends: January 31 st , 2009
	<u>Semester 3 (if applicable)</u> Starts: February 4 th , 2009 Ends: May 15 th , 2009	<u>Semester 4 (if applicable)</u> Starts: n/a Ends: n/a
Application deadlines	Rolling deadlines though we recommend applying four months minimum in advance.	
Application procedures	http://www.bsc.edu/futurestudents/international.htm (Note: HS Transcripts are not required for Exchange students)	
Availability of application forms (e.g. website)	http://www.bsc.edu/futurestudents/international.htm (Note: HS Transcripts are not required for Exchange students)	
Supporting documents required	Application Form (Note: HS Transcripts are not required for Exchange students), Letter of Recommendation Form, Personal Statement Form,	

for application	Affidavit of Financial Support	
Visa requirements	Applying for an Exchange Visitor Visa (J-1): http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1267.html#6 Consulate General of the United States—Hong Kong http://hongkong.usconsulate.gov/visa_services.html	
Expected arrival dates for exchange students	Semester 1: August 20 th , 2008	Semester 2: February 1 st , 2009
	Semester 3 (if applicable):	Semester 4 (if applicable):
Orientation dates	Semester 1: Aug. 21 st -26 th , 2008	Semester 2: February 2 nd , 2009
	Semester 3 (if applicable):	Semester 4 (if applicable):
Is arrival pick-up service provided to exchange students? If yes, how do they apply?	Yes. Please complete the Airport Pick-up Reservation Form with the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs: http://www.bsc.edu/campus/student-affairs/multicultural/form-pickup.htm .	
Are there any courses conducted in English?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes All courses are conducted in English with the exception of Modern Foreign Language courses (French, German, Spanish) and Latin.	
Courses available to exchange students (please kindly provide course list)	Each term, course lists are available on-line at the website below: http://www.bsc.edu/records/schedules.htm	
Restricted courses (not open to exchange students)	Courses not open to exchange students are those for Honors Program students and first-year students (course designation 1Y) as well as courses that have pre-requisites that a student has not fulfilled in their studies at HKBU.	
Minimum and maximum number of units/credits that a full-time exchange student can study each semester	A full-time exchange student can take a maximum of 5 units per term and a minimum of 3 units per term to remain in status. The normal academic load for BSC students is 4 units. A course load of 5 units is considered an overload.	
Compulsory language requirements for exchange students (e.g. TOEFL score required)	TOEFL score of 213/6.0 is the only language requirement.	
When will student receive the acceptance package?	The acceptance packet is held until the DS-2019 is issued. The DS-2019 cannot be issued until after you are formally accepted to BSC and the Affidavit of Financial Support (along with its supporting official Bank Statements) are submitted and approved. Then the DS-2019 and the Official Letter of Acceptance along with other pre-arrival forms are posted by DHL. This way all the documentation that you need from BSC to attend your visa interview arrives together. (You will also need to take the Affidavit of Financial Support along with its supporting, official Bank Statements to the visa interview in addition to the forms outlined above under: Visa Requirements).	
When will transcript be released?	Two days following final grade submissions for each term. Students can access their grades via THESIS and can receive a hard copy of their transcripts after signing a release of transcript form at the Records Office on campus. Exchange students must sign the release form before departing for home.	
Health insurance requirements	Exchange students are required to purchase insurance through BSC for their duration of study here.	

Housing:

Do you provide on-campus	x Yes (If yes, what kind of housing is available to exchange students?)
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housing?	Double/single occupancy rooms in men's dorm Single room suites in women's dorm (4 women per suite) Apartments with cooking facilities are optional at a higher price (if available)
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, what are the options of off-campus housing?)
Application procedure for housing	Housing forms are included with the letter of acceptance from BSC and should be returned promptly to secure preferred room requests.
Housing application deadline	There is no specific deadline, but the earlier the better.

Fees and Others:

Do students need to pay any other fees? (e.g. administration fee to your office)	OIP Orientation Fee: \$80
Monthly estimated costs (Estimates are based upon the 2007-2008 Academic Year)	(1) Housing: \$530 (2) Meals: \$ 405 (3) Transportation: \$500 - \$1,000 (4) Others: Books, Supplies, and Insurance: \$212 (Note: Fees are subject to change)

Additional Information:

<p>We welcome exchange students at BSC and look forward to providing individualized attention and support to students from Hong Kong Baptist University. If an exchange student has extra-curricular interests in joining a service project, having an unpaid internship, joining an organization or club, or being matched with a host family, please be in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can make proper arrangements prior to that student's arrival.</p> <p>If a student plans to come to BSC for one full academic year, please let us know so that he or she can learn about the unique opportunities provided during our Interim Term for the month of January.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

Thank you so much for your input!

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