

Voluntary Study Abroad in Asia



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How to proceed with your application

- Research – read through this information and consult the list of available destinations. The most up to date information about the universities can be found on their websites
- Consider carefully all the ramifications of a period of study abroad – personal, academic and financial. You may want to discuss these matters with your family
- Speak to your Programme Co-ordinators to find out what courses you will be missing at Sussex and make an appointment with your Departmental Representative(s) (see list included) to consider all the academic implications of study abroad. Also discuss the courses you will be studying at the partner university (information can be found on the university website or in the prospectuses in Liz Wingfield's office, International and Study Abroad Office, Friston 103)
- Fill out an **Application Pack**. This is available from the International and Study Abroad office. The Application pack consists of an application form, a statement form, and a reference form. The reference is to be obtained by your Academic Advisor. Please hand the completed Application pack to Lucy Cahalin (International and Study Abroad office, Friston 103)

**The deadline to receive your preference forms is Wednesday 21st November
4pm**

**We will endeavour to notify you of the outcome of your application by the of
end of the Autumn term**

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Students who are not studying either a language, American Studies, Engineering but who would like to incorporate a period of study abroad into their Sussex degree, may apply to spend between a term and a year as exchange students at a partner university. **This would be during their second year or the first term of their third year, depending on their degree programme (limitations exist for certain programmes)**

Singapore semester 1: 5th August 2013 7th December 2013
Singapore semester 2: 13th January 2014 10th May 2014

Hong Kong (City Uni) semester A: 2nd September 2013 21st December 2013
Hong Kong (City Uni) semester B: 13th January 2014 19th May 2014

Hong Kong (Chinese Uni) semester A: 9th September 2013 7th December 2013
Hong Kong (Chinese Uni) semester B: 13th January 2014 21st May 2014

Hong Kong (Sci & Tech) semester A: 2nd September 2013 20th December 2013
Hong Kong (Sci & Tech) semester B: 4th February 2014 29th May 2014

Korea Fall semester: 6th August 2012 14th December 2012
Korea Spring semester: 19th February 2013 17th June 2013 (2013/14 dates not available)

Japan Autumn term: 1st September 2012 23rd November 2012
Japan Winter term: 5th December 2013 5th March 2013 (Xmas 25/12-5/01)
Japan Summer term: 10th April 2013 23th June 2013 (2013/14 dates not available)

National Taiwan University semester 1 5th September 2012 11th January 2013
National Taiwan University semester 2 18th February 2013 21st June 2013

Fees, Finance & Insurance

When you study abroad your tuition fee is paid to Sussex. You do not have to pay tuition fees at the exchange university. If you study abroad for an academic year, you will pay a reduced fee. If you study abroad for part of the academic year you will pay your normal Sussex tuition fee. This applies to both home and overseas students.

The Student Loan – Overseas Rate

For 2012/13 the non means tested student loan is £4,244
(all students get this part)
the means tested student loan is £1,651
(some students get this part)
Full loan is **£5,895**

In addition, the Government gives a means tested grant to cover airfare (less £303) and medical insurance.

All Sussex students studying abroad are required to purchase the Sussex Group Insurance Policy. This policy covers medical expenses, personal belongings including lap-top cover, cancellation, personal liability and overseas legal expenses.

Your Sussex Degree

A period of voluntary study abroad forms an integral part of your degree; it is not (and cannot be) an add-on term or year with the exception of Law where you can transfer to a four year degree programme 'Law with a year abroad.' The courses you study while at a partner university substitute the courses you would be missing at Sussex during that same term or year. You are assessed by exam or essay at the host university as if you were a local student, and the grades you achieve abroad will be sent back to Sussex to be converted into Sussex marks and included in your records in place of the marks you would have gained had you spent that time at Sussex.

Your accommodation In Brighton

It is a cause of concern for many students that to study abroad, especially when going for just a term, they will have to either give up their current accommodation or find someone to replace them for the period they are away. There is no easy solution to this. You can speak to and agree with your Landlord, if you have signed your tenancy agreement, about seeking a replacement. Although there is no guarantee that you will find a replacement, there are always people looking for short term accommodation in Brighton. You can then let the Housing Office know you will have a room available for rent for a fixed period so that they can advertise it. However, when you sign a tenancy agreement, you are responsible for the payment of rent for the duration and other issues, or until you find an agreeable replacement.

You could also advertise your room on our Facebook page [Sussex Abroad](#) as we invite International students coming to Sussex to join the page and they are often in need of accommodation. The following websites may also be useful:





www.housepals.co.uk

www.spareroom.co.uk

Alternatively, if you decide to give up your room altogether, we can put you in touch with other students returning from abroad at the same time as you, so that you can find places to share together back in Brighton. Although this matter causes students a lot of worry, to our knowledge students have always managed to overcome the problem without too much difficulty, including finding new accommodation in Brighton in January without great difficulty. Returning students would certainly say that the long-term benefits gained from a term abroad far outweighed this passing problem with accommodation.

Scholarships

There may be scholarships available for Singapore and Japan which you can apply for directly via the university once you have been accepted. Please ask ISAO for more information.

Institution:	 香港城市大學 City University of Hong Kong	
Semester dates:		Semester A: 2 nd September 2013 - 21st December 2013 Semester B: 13 th January 2014 - 19 th May 2014
University/ Courses:	<p>Places at City University are only for International Relations, Development Studies, Politics and Anthropology students. Sussex students study 4 courses per semester.</p> <p>The City University of Hong Kong is one of the eight universities in Hong Kong. The university has a community of more than 12,000 undergraduates and 6,000 postgraduates. International students account for around 5% of the student population. The official language of instruction is English. CityU ranks 129th in the world's top universities according to the QS World university ranking 2010 and 15th among the top Asian universities. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences offers broad-based, multidisciplinary and professionally-oriented taught programs under five academic departments. The university is located in the heart of the city in Kowloon Tong.</p>	
Hong Kong:		<p>Hong Kong is one of the two special administrative regions of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the other being Macau. The territory lies on the eastern side of the Pearl River Delta, bordering Guangdong province in the north and facing the South China Sea in the east, west and south. Beginning as a trading port in the 19th century, Hong Kong has developed into a leading financial centre. It was a crown colony of the United Kingdom from 1842 until the transfer of its sovereignty to PRC in 1997. Hong Kong is frequently described as a place where East meets West and this is reflected in its economic infrastructure, education and street culture. On one street corner, there may be traditional Chinese shops selling Chinese herbal medicine, Buddhist paraphernalia or bowls of synthetic shark fin soup. But around the next, one may find theatres showing the latest Hollywood blockbuster, an English-style pub, a Catholic Church or a McDonald's. Hong Kong is also famous for its entertainment industry, particularly in the martial arts genre, with Bruce Lee, Chow Yun-Fat and Jackie Chan all from here.</p> 



香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**TERM
DATES:**

Semester A: 2nd September 2013 20th December 2013
Semester B: 4th February 2014 29th May 2014

SUBJECTS:

The link we have with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology is for the following subjects.
Electrical/Electronic Engineering / Business and Management TO BE CONFIRMED



About the University





Since its official opening in October 1991, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology has established itself as an intellectual powerhouse, energizing the community's transformation into a knowledge-based society. The University campus occupies a 60-hectare (150-acre) site of sweeping natural beauty on the Clear Water Bay peninsula in East Kowloon, less than 30 minutes' driving time from Central Hong Kong.

About Hong Kong

Culture and heritage are what sets Hong Kong apart. With over 100 years of colonial history and a largely Chinese population, Hong Kong is a unique fusion of Western and Eastern cultures where the old and the new live side by side. Its incense-filled temples, colonial buildings and glass-and-steel skyscrapers, along with its ancient traditions and lively festivals, have made Hong Kong a living culture experience.



	<h1>THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG</h1>
<p>TERM DATES:</p>	<p>Orientation for Semester 1: 31st Aug -3rd Sept 3rd 2011 Term dates for Semester 1: 5th Sept– 31st Dec 2011</p> <p>Orientation for Semester 2: 3rd -4th Jan2012 Term dates for Semester 2: 9th Jan - 31st May 2012</p> <p>Term dates for academic year 2012/2013 not yet available</p>
<p>SUBJECTS:</p>	<p>Anthropology, Geography, History, English, Computer Sciences, Business, Sociology, Media, Chemistry, Biology, Physics</p>
<p>THE UNIVERSITY:</p>	<p>CUHK is a trilingual campus; its languages of instruction are English, Cantonese, and Mandarin.</p> <p>The university has 61 academic departments organized under eight faculties: arts, business administration, education, engineering, social science, medicine, science, and law.</p> <p>In 2011, QS World University Rankings placed CUHK at 37th in the world, making it 2nd in Hong Kong and 5th in Asia. The university was ranked 42nd worldwide in the World's Best University: Top 200 by U.S. News & World Report.</p>
<p>CAMPUS:</p>	<p>Located in the northwest end of Sha Tin it is 30 minutes by train from downtown Kowloon and 20 minutes to the Lo Wu border. The 137.3-hectare campus built is built on a beautiful hillside.</p> 

Institution:	<p style="text-align: center;">National University of Singapore</p> 
Semester Dates:	 <p>Semester 1: 6th August 2012 – 8th December 2012</p> <p>Semester 2: 14th January 2013 – 11th May 2013</p>
University/ Courses:	<p>The link we have with Singapore is flexible. English is the official language of instruction. Past students have studied International Relations, Development Studies, Economics, History, Politics, Chemistry, English, Mathematics. With over 30,000 students currently enrolled, NUS is recognised as one of the leading universities in Asia and in 2010 was ranked 31st in the World's Top Universities. You should choose a total of 3 courses per semester.</p>
Singapore:	 <p>Singapore is an island nation located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. It lies 137 kilometers (85 miles) north of the Equator, south of the Malaysian state of Johor and north of Indonesia's Riau Islands. It is one of the few remaining city-states in the world and the smallest country in Southeast Asia. Singapore is a small, stable, highly developed country with an elected parliamentary system of government. Tourist facilities are modern and English is widely spoken. Criminal penalties are strict and law enforcement rigorous. Singapore is a mixture of an indigenous Malay population with a third generation Chinese majority, as well as Indian and Arab immigrants with some intermarriages. There also exist significant Eurasian and <i>Peranakan</i> (known also as 'Straits Chinese') communities. Singapore has a highly developed market-based economy, which historically revolves around extended entrepot trade. Along with Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan, Singapore is one of the Four Asian Tigers. The economy depends heavily on exports refining imported goods, especially in manufacturing. Singapore cuisine is as diverse as its population, with a mixture of Chinese, Indian, Malay and Tamil. In the famous hawker stalls you find such dishes as Hainanese chicken to satay. Singaporeans also enjoy a wide variety of seafood including crab, clams, squid and oysters. One such dish is stingray barbecued and served on banana leaf with sambal or chili.</p> 

Study Abroad at National Taiwan University (NTU)

Subject areas which can be studied in Taiwan are to be confirmed.

Taipei

NTU is based in Taipei, the largest city in Taiwan. Taipei is a modern, safe city, with an excellent public transport network, good shopping at malls and night markets and air connections to Hong Kong (hourly), as well as Thailand, Malaysia, Japan and other countries in Asia.

In Asia, Taipei is perhaps most famous for its dining culture — there are thousands of affordable restaurants in the city, and many food markets, offering all sorts of regional Chinese cuisine, and excellent Thai, Japanese and western food. You can also find lots of good bars, nightclubs and karaoke places.

Taipei has fine museums and galleries, with famous collections of Chinese art and artifacts. It is also close to hot spring resorts in the surrounding mountains, which you can visit for affordable spa treatments and bathing in the springs. The island is easy to explore and the new high-speed rail network means you can reach all other major cities — as well as many stunning beaches, mountains and national parks — within just two hours.



National Taiwan University

NTU is Taiwan's most prestigious university — ranked no. 1 in Taiwan and no. 95 in the world¹ — and was founded (as Taihoku Imperial University) in 1928. It is centrally located and has a beautiful campus, with historic buildings and palm-fringed avenues. The main language of instruction is Chinese, but there are around 500 courses taught in English.

Subject areas to be confirmed.



¹ *Times Higher Education Supplement*, World University Rankings 2009

Finances

The cost of living (as a student) in Taipei is significantly lower than in the UK, and lower in many respects than in Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo.



International Chinese Language Programme (ICLP)

NTU is widely regarded as one of the world's best universities to study Chinese language (Mandarin).

The ICLP (formerly known as the Stanford Center and the Inter-University Program) is a global leader for instruction in formal Chinese and located on the campus.

NTU will offer each Sussex student free Chinese Language courses during their study period at NTU. Exchange students who stay for one academic year may take three terms for free, while those who stay for one semester can take two terms.
(<http://homepage.ntu.edu.tw/~cld222/>)







Student profile

NTU is a good choice for Study Abroad if you want to:

- learn some Chinese in a city where Chinese is widely spoken, but where people are open to – and friendly about – practicing English!
- understand Taiwan's unique political environment
- combine study abroad with travel to Hong Kong, mainland China, Japan, Southeast Asia, or simply explore the tourist attractions and natural beauty of Taiwan
- learn more about Chinese history and culture
- study at one of Asia's most prestigious universities
- live in a welcoming city with a superb dining culture



Institution:	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Korea University</h2>
Semester Dates:	 <p>Fall Semester: 29th August 2011 – 16th December 2011</p> <p>Spring Semester: 28th February 2012 – 17th June 2012 (2012/13 dates not yet available)</p>
University Courses:	<p>Korea is a new link and over 35% of courses are delivered in the English language with plans to increase to 50% by 2010. Please ask at ISAO for details of what subjects are offered.</p> <p>KU is one of the few private universities in Asia to be ranked among the top 200 universities by The Times Higher Education Supplement 2010. KU has the most multicultural student population with over 2,000 international students (2011).</p>
Seoul:	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Seoul, officially the Seoul Special City, is the capital and largest city of South Korea. With a population of over 10 million, it is one of the world's largest cities. Seoul's influence in business, international trade, politics, technology, education and entertainment all contribute to its role as a prominent global city. Since Seoul is the center of commerce in South Korea, there are many notable shopping areas attracting consumers. The largest market in South Korea, the Dongdaemun Market, is located in Seoul. Myeongdong is a shopping and entertainment area in downtown Seoul which contains some of the city's top stores and fashion boutiques. Nearby is the Namdaemun Market named after the Namdaemun Gate, which is the oldest continually running and the largest retail market in Seoul. Sinchon is a shopping area that caters mainly to a young crowd and university students. As the center of Korean history over the past millennia, the Seoul National Capital Area is home to four UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Changdeokgung, Hwaseong Fortress, Jongmyo Shrine and the Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty.</p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

Institution: **International Christian University, Japan**



Semester Dates:

Autumn term: 2nd September 2011 18th November 2011
 Winter term: 2nd December 2011 29th February 2011 (Xmas 25/12-5/01)
 Summer term: 11th April 2012 25th June 2012 (2012/13 dates not available)



University Courses: Students studying the following subjects can study at ICU : **Anthropology, International Relations and Politics, Development Studies, Geography (BA), Informatics.** You will be taught in English but it is also compulsory to take Japanese lessons whilst at ICU so we recommend that students are already studying the language or have an interest in studying it.

International Christian University is a non-denominational private university located in Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. The university was founded in 1949. ICU's follows a liberal arts curriculum, and offers 32 majors.



STUDY ABROAD DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

Your department representative is your first point of call for academic enquiries regarding your study abroad and they will need to approve your course choices.

Major Subjects	Departmental Representative	Room	Email
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