

Before You Apply

Why CUHK?

- As an international student at CUHK, you are already guaranteed at least three (out of your total four) years of accommodation, depending on the college you are under. For some colleges, you are given full/ four-year accommodation on campus until your graduation!
- Economical Tuition Fee HK\$145,000 per annum
Estimated expenses per year = Tuition Fee HK\$145,000 per annum + Hostel Fee around HK\$10,000 per annum (depending upon the college) + Living Expenses (food, books, transportation, and pocket money) around HK\$35,000 = Estimated Expenses around HK\$190,000 (USD\$24293) per year.
- Scholarship, Exchange and Internship Opportunities Offered by University, College, Faculty, and Department
- Although CUHK's Filipino community is not that large (with only about 10-15 of us out of 30,000 students in the University), we have an ever-growing and thriving South-East Asian community that is very warm and welcoming in general!

Click here for a link to the ["Southeast Asian Association of CUHK" Facebook Page](#)

Click here for a link to the ["Indonesian Students in CUHK" Facebook Page](#)

Click here for a link to the ["Malaysian Students' Association of CUHK" Facebook Page](#)

Click here for [Useful information for new international students by International Student Association.](#)

- Personally, I am currently a Year 2 student, and despite not having much Filipinos around on campus (though I do meet up with them when I can!), I have been able to thrive as an international student here in general, meeting people from over 40 countries so far, sharing my own Pinoy culture and language, and having fun along the way!

Why Department of Economics?

- **Highly Ranked Globally**
CUHK ranks 6th in Asia and 39th in the world in the field of Economics and Econometrics (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019).
- **Distinguished Alumni**
Over decades, the CUHK Department of Economics has nurtured many distinguished alumni, who have contributed in different sectors of the community. They include Mr. Vincent Cheng, the first Chinese Chairman of HSBC; Mr. Kwok Kwok Chuen, former Principal Economist at HKSAR Government.
- **Research Excellence**
The Department of Economics is renowned for its strength in research in the Chinese economy, economic theory and labour economics. It is also the only economics department in Hong Kong with two Nobel Laureates among its staff.

Application Procedure

Date	Procedure	Remarks
Throughout the year	Online Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Personal Statement • School Transcripts • Awards and Certificates • Reference Letters • Application Fee of HK\$450 <p>(Can be uploaded later; flexible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Proficiency Proof (IELTS or TOEFL score report, etc.) • If your application solely comes from the Philippine K-12 curriculum, you will need to take external exams to be eligible, as the Philippine curriculum is not accredited in CUHK. Please click here for the requirements of CUHK. • External exams such as: A-Levels, IB, SAT, ACT, AP, etc. • If you come from an international school, and you do possess any of these exams, then there is no academic concern.
December - August	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we think that you are suitable for our programme, we will not arrange for interviews and we will grant you an offer directly as soon as possible. • If we think that we need more information from you, we will invite you for interview. We will arrange several interviews from December to August.
December - August	Offer Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission Offer Letter • Upload Certificates (if applicable) • First Installment of Deposit HK\$10,000
April – August	Preparation before Going to HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Preference • Student Visa Application
Late August	Arrival at HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong ID Card • Official Student Visa

Online Application

Visit [CUHK undergraduate application](#) website. Filipino students are classified as **International** students.

Then, you need to prepare

- **Your passport**

- **Personal Statement**

Please submit a statement with a maximum of 2 pages.

- **School Transcripts**

- **Awards and Certificates (Academic / Professional Achievements)**

You may provide a maximum of 10 awards or certificates that prove your academic or professional achievements. Such academic awards include but are not limited to any international-level competition (**Olympiad Exams**) or inter-school level competition (**English Speech Contests** or **Basketball Tournaments**). Such professional certificates include but are not limited to **CFA or FRM**.

- **Reference Letters**

You can submit up to 3 referee's contact information. The referee may be your high school teacher, a professor, or an employer with related academic background who can prove your academic strengths or professional skills.

After successfully submitting online application, your referee will receive an invitation email to login the "Online Confidential Recommendation System" to complete the Confidential Recommendation Report. He or she can also attach a Reference Letter as a supplement. Your referee could submit it online through the Online Confidential Recommendation System or print out the Confidential Recommendation Form and Reference Letter (if applicable) and mail them in a sealed envelope by post to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid:

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

Address: Room 1202, Yasumoto International Academic Park, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong.

- **External Exams (A-Levels, IB, SAT, ACT, AP, etc.)**

Again, since the Philippine curriculum is not accredited internationally, you must take any of the abovementioned external exams in order for your application to be eligible and put under consideration at CUHK Economics. If you have not received your exam results when you apply, simply leave the exam score section blank and label that it is still to be taken/ on its way, and upload the real result/s when you receive it/ them. In the case that you have special cases or are concerned about your application/ situation with regards to this, do inform the CUHK Office of Admissions and Financial Aid [here](#) and let them know your concern, with your Application Number stipulated in your enquiry.

- **General Exam Requirements for Admission Eligibility**

Please click [here](#) for the requirements of CUHK. Personally, I took SATs, and I would suggest aiming for at least a 1250/1600 in the Reasoning Test and 630s in your 2 or 3 SAT Subject Tests.

Moreover, you're also going to see in the link that the Philippines is the only country without an internationally accredited high school curriculum. Sorry to say, but to the local school student applying overseas, the K12 curriculum is a local curriculum that goes in line only with Philippines tertiary education/ universities.

- **English Proficiency Proof Requirement:**

English proficiency is also a requirement in your application. Generally, you will need scores in any of the following tests as well: IELTS - 6.0 overall band score / TOEFL (iBT) - 80 / SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing - 590 / SAT Reasoning Test (Old) – 8 overall in the Essay.

Please click [here](#) for English Language Tests accepted by CUHK.

- **Application Fee of HK\$450**

It is a non-refundable payment that is payable via either through VISA or MASTERCARD when submitting your online application.

Offer Confirmation

- **Admission Offer Letter and Upload Certificates (if applicable)**

Sign and complete duplicate copy of the admission offer letter by the specified date; otherwise the admission offer will become null and void.

Remember to upload the Certificates to confirm the conditional offer (if applicable).

- **First Installment of Composition Fees**

Pay the first installment of composition fees of HK\$10,000 by the specified date; otherwise the admission offer will become null and void. This HK\$10,000 will be counted as part of the tuition fee in the first semester.

Preparation Before Going to Hong Kong

- **College Preference**

Applicants who are admitted to CUHK will be affiliated to one of the nine colleges. To facilitate the college assignment process, you will receive an email at around April or May that will ask you to submit your ranked college preferences.

A thorough consideration is needed, because you are not allowed to change your college upon preference submission.

Click here for [College Infographics by International Students Association](#).

- **Student Visa Application**

To successfully enter Hong Kong in August, CUHK will send you an email by May to assist in your student visa application.

Click here for [Guidance of Student Visa Application by HK Government](#)

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Arrival at HK

- **Hong Kong ID Card**

Click here for [Guidance of HKID application by HK Government](#).

Click here for [Guidance of HKID Application by The CUHK International Student Association](#).