Undergraduate Prospectus
For JUPAS Applicants
2013/14
Welcome to HKUST

Did you know?

We are **No. 1**, World’s Top 200 Asian Universities (2011/2012)  
(QS Asian University Rankings)

We are **No. 33**, World’s Top 200 Universities (2012)  
(QS World University Rankings)

We are 21 years old  
We have 4 UG and 1 PG Schools  
We have 7-going-on-9 residential halls  
We have a 5-storey Library occupying 12,350 m² floor space  
We have more than 170 exchange partner institutions
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We have the first research program for UG students in Asia  
We have a panoramic 180° view of the South China Sea  
We have more than 8,000 UG students  
We have more than 3,800 PG students  
We have graduated more than 50,000 students
We at HKUST anticipate the start of a new school year, full of excitement. This is the time we welcome new and returning students back to campus and we meet you - prospective students.

Why should this fill us with such excitement?

It is our dream to help young people like yourselves to fulfill your dreams. So, this is the time we ask most fervently, most sincerely, and most urgently: What is your dream?

Dreams are our heart’s desires. They are what we long to pursue. Having dreams is the key to happiness. Working toward making one’s dreams come true is the key to achieving satisfaction in life and success in your chosen career.

To many of us here at HKUST – faculties, students and staff, joining the world’s top young university and one of the most international in the region, is a dream come true. We people at HKUST are dreamers ourselves. Two decades ago, this University started on a dream. Today, we are the No. 1 university in Asia (for the second year in a row) and we are the third among the world’s young universities (under the age of 50). These remarkable achievements have earned HKUST the nickname “the Miracle University”.

If HKUST is defined by anything, it is defined by the boldness of its action and vision. We look for students who are dare to dream, who are ready to make decisions and to act on their dreams. We encourage our students to be bold, to dream big, to work hard and to make their dreams happen. We have created an environment that assists our students to achieve their full potential and turn aspirations into realities. In other words, we are here to help our students crystallize their visions.

If you do not yet know your dream, keep your eyes and mind open. It will come. Like a flower blooming, like a plant developing from a seed, your own personal, authentic dream will develop through your experiences. Come and explore yourself at HKUST – where miracles happen and dreams come true.

Tony F Chan
President
Choosing the right university and the right program are important decisions. We have prepared this admission brochure with two purposes: to open the HKUST door for you, and to introduce you to the vast horizon of possibilities that this University has to offer.

Our new four-year undergraduate curriculum has both breadth and depth, offering students ample time and opportunities to participate in both academic studies and a wide array of developmental and enrichment activities.

The new curriculum allows students to explore and gain a better understanding of various academic areas before they decide on their study paths. Supported by our team of dedicated and caring academic advisors, students will be given advice and guidance at different levels and stages while they journey through their university lives.

In the years to come, the University will continue to advance its programs, keeping pace with global advancements and global trends. We have the flexibility and the expertise to nurture generation after generation of globally competitive, professionally competent and socially responsible graduates.

We sincerely hope this brochure not only provides all the information you need, but also conveys our enthusiasm and commitment to offer HKUST students the best all-around education possible. May this Guide help you make the best decision possible!

Kar Yan Tam
Associate Provost and Dean of Students
Discovering HKUST

Our Faculty

HKUST’s faculty is of the highest caliber, recruited from around the world. All have earned PhDs, some in more than one field; many have received international recognition. Passionate in their dedication to both research and teaching, our faculty members serve as inspiring role models while at the same time pushing the boundaries of their fields.

Our Students

Our students are an extraordinary mix; they represent many different nationalities and come from all walks of life. We believe this diversity nurtures tolerance and understanding, preparing students to be good citizens and community members. It also prepares them to be young global leaders with an international perspective.
Our Graduates

Our graduates are described by employers as “flexible”, “professional”, “quick learning” and “possessing leadership qualities”. These attributes are confirmed by a consistently high employment rate. Over 98% of our graduates each year have either found jobs or been accepted in programs to pursue further studies.

Our Philosophy

We offer well-rounded training through a balance of academic and non-academic programs. HKUST’s undergraduate programs focus on four areas that we believe are essential to success in the world today.

These four pillars of success are:
- Broad-based academic education
- Global perspective
- Integration of theory and practice
- Personal development
School-based Admission

HKUST is a truly School-based university. Prospective students only need to choose the School they wish to join at the admission stage. In the first year, students will take University Common Core courses as well as School foundation courses to broaden their knowledge and establish a solid foundation. Students in the Schools of Science, Engineering, and Humanities and Social Science will declare their Major after completing the first year. Students in the School of Business and Management will declare their Major after completing the first year, or at the end of their second year.

In this way, students have ample time to develop a thorough understanding of the subject and explore their interest before committing to a particular study path.

The Common Core

Apart from foundation courses provided by their enrolled School, students will be required to take up to 36 credits of University Common Core courses to enhance their exposure in different areas of knowledge.

The Common Core courses will cover the following areas.

Each Common Core broad area has clearly defined learning outcomes that are presented as statements of what students might be able to do with what they have learned.

All undergraduates will complete the same set of Common Core requirements regardless of their Major program of study. Students are expected to complete the majority of the Common Core credits in Years 1 and 2.

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Curriculum

Students in the Schools of Science, Engineering, and Humanities and Social Science will enter their Major programs after one year. In the School of Business and Management, most students will enter their Major programs after two years; students in Global Business, Economics and Finance, and Quantitative Finance programs will enter their Major programs after Year 1. In addition to the standard single-major track, other academic options such as double-major and major-minor combinations are also possible.

Academic Advising

A comprehensive academic advising scheme is put in place in each School to assist students in identifying and achieving their academic, professional and personal goals.

Academic advising can make a significant contribution to success in education. Advisors help students become more active and self-regulated learners so that they can benefit to the greatest degree possible from their university experience. The scope of academic advising is much broader than merely helping students choose the right courses or decide on a Major. It is a “walk-with-you” journey during which dedicated, caring and qualified mentors can enhance students’ learning experiences. Students may seek advice from Faculty Advisors or Counselors on issues facing them at different stages of their studies.

Each School adopts a slightly different model of Academic Advising. The links below direct you to the Academic Advising page of the respective School where you will find further details on how it works.

School of Science
http://science.ust.hk/center.html

School of Engineering
http://www.seng.ust.hk/e2i/

School of Business and Management
http://undergrad.bm.ust.hk/eng/academics/advising/student/index.jsp

School of Humanities and Social Science
http://www.shss.ust.hk/major/program_features.html

The minimum credit requirement for graduation is 120.
Choosing Your Area of Study

School of Science
http://science.ust.hk/

The School of Science is a dynamic environment. The curriculum comprises a wide spectrum of programs that are continuously updated to incorporate the latest technological advancements and scientific developments. Our lecturers thrive on collaboration, relying on interaction with colleagues and students to spark their creativity. Our goal is to equip the next generation with the skills they will need to be independent thinkers, competent professionals, and inspirational leaders.

School of Engineering
http://www.seng.ust.hk/

The engineering discipline prides itself on innovation and creativity in providing solutions for industry to meet the needs of society. Making a significant contribution on a global scale has always been a priority for HKUST’s School of Engineering. Our high international rankings confirm our standing as a leading academic force. The School has attracted a critical mass of outstanding faculty and researchers, including 27 IEEE Fellows, to undertake cutting-edge and quality research projects as well as to induce ingenious pedagogies.

School of Business & Management
http://undergrad.bm.ust.hk/

The key missions of the HKUST Business School are to advance the frontiers of global business knowledge; develop business leaders; and contribute to the social and economic transformation of the Asian region. To enlighten the next generation of young leaders, we have pioneered a holistic approach to our undergraduate education - an education that emphasizes arousing intellectual curiosity, sharpening logical reasoning and cultivating enterprising spirit in compassionate and forward-thinking individuals who dare to dream and who want to work toward making a positive impact on the world.

School of Humanities & Social Science
http://www.shss.ust.hk/

The School boasts of having the largest interdisciplinary program in social science and some of the strongest programs in Chinese linguistics and Chinese philosophy anywhere in the world. It is also developing collaborative programs with strategic high-impact university partners in China, Europe, and North America. The School’s mission to extend students’ knowledge and widen their field of vision is crucial to the education of the region’s future leaders in commerce, the professions and public service.

Interdisciplinary Programs Office
http://www.ipo.ust.hk/

The Interdisciplinary Programs Office is a significant development in HKUST’s well-established tradition of innovative teaching and learning. In today’s rapidly evolving world the boundaries that previously separated fields of study and jobs are dissolving. There is a pressing need to address the increasingly complex issues that face us every day through combined knowledge. Interdisciplinary programs offer educational activities that cannot be provided solely by one single department. They create education value by exposing students to complex issues that require analysis from multiple perspectives.

World Bachelor in Business
http://wbb.ust.hk

The World Bachelor in Business is an undergraduate partnership between HKUST, University of Southern California in USA and Università Bocconi in Italy, designed to engage intellectually curious students in business curriculum that connects leading edge teaching methods with cultural immersion and real-world experiences.

There may be separate application timelines, admission requirements and tuition fees for this program. Please refer to the program website for more information.
Major Programs

The University offers a wide range of degree programs in the Schools of Science, Engineering, Business and Management, Humanities and Social Science, and the Interdisciplinary Programs Office. Students will be admitted to a School first. At the end of Year 1 (or Year 2 for some programs in the School of Business and Management), students will enter either a Major program offered by their School, or an interdisciplinary program.

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^ Intake quota subject to adjustment.
* Dual Degree Program in Technology and Management is a 5-year program.
Learning Outside the Classroom

University life is far more than classes. Alongside the captivating academic offerings, HKUST has many and various co-curricular programs to enrich and enhance every undergraduate’s experience.

**REDbird Program**

The REDbird Award Program is a holistic student development program that aims to foster the participants’ desirable attributes of Respectful, Energetic, Diverse, Bright, Innovative, Responsive, Diligent and dependable through action-learning.

REDbird Club Members are offered numerous opportunities to grow through training, service learning, internships, and learning trips.

[https://sao.ust.hk/redbird](https://sao.ust.hk/redbird)

**International Exchange Program**

Internationalization is an integral element of the undergraduate experience. It enriches students’ life experience and contributes to their personal development. HKUST has the most extensive student exchange network in Asia, with over 170 exchange partner institutions around the globe. Currently, over one-third of our undergraduate students go on exchange for at least one semester.

[https://sao.ust.hk/studentlife/exchange.html](https://sao.ust.hk/studentlife/exchange.html)

**Green Ambassador Program**

The HKUST – Hang Seng Bank Green Ambassador Program is an environmental education program. Through community-building projects, internships and cross-cultural activities, the program helps students to enhance the environmental and sustainability awareness of peers and the public, and solve critical environmental issues facing our communities. It also aims to empower HKUST students to be role models and agents of change in the University and the community.

[http://hsgreen.ust.hk](http://hsgreen.ust.hk)

**Internships & Career Development Programs**

Internships and career development programs serve as great platforms to test students’ knowledge and skills learned in classes. HKUST places a heavy emphasis on gearing students for post-graduation prospects. Every year, recruiters from many multinational corporations based in Hong Kong come to HKUST to seek out the best students for internship positions. We encourage students to take advantage of our networks with industry to secure rewarding internship positions that can not only enhance your academic learning but also widen your post-graduation opportunities.

[http://career.ust.hk](http://career.ust.hk)
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

At HKUST, undergraduates are strongly encouraged to participate in research. The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program allows students to work closely with faculty members on research and other scholarly activities. It thus provides opportunities for students to develop their research skills and/or pursue research interests outside their curricula.

UROP offers the chance to work on exciting research - whether you join established research projects or start your own. Our students gain satisfaction from aligning their research with their academic, career and life goals.

http://urop.ust.hk

HKUST Connect

HKUST Connect is a community engagement initiative to raise civic awareness, develop sustainable partnerships with the wider community, deepen student learning, and promote a better world. By connecting service with their academic experiences, students will realize they can make a difference in their community and the world. Students may take part in the wide spectrum of opportunities such as Volunteering, Service Learning Courses, Fellowships and Community Engagement Project Fund. Read more on what the participants say on HKUST Connect website.

http://connect.ust.hk

IAS Distinguished Lectures, Talks and Forums

The Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) of HKUST champions collaborative projects across disciplines and institutions. Through attending distinguished talks, forums and lectures by key thinkers and high-profile local and international community leaders, students broaden their knowledge, sharpen critical thinking skills, and deepen personal development.

http://ias.ust.hk

HKUST Robotics

HKUST’s Robotics Team is supervised by Professors from the Electronic and Computer Engineering Department. It was created in 2004 after students’ successful participation in the annual Robocon contest. In 2011, the team comprised 70 students from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas, with representatives from all of the School’s departments. In order for more students to participate in external competitions, Robotics Team members have now been divided into four groups, with each group taking part in one of four major events which are: the Robocon Hong Kong Contest; the Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) Competition featuring underwater robots; the Smart Car Competition; and NAO RoboCup.

http://robotics.ust.hk
Living on Campus

Residential Halls

As of August 2012, there are seven residential halls on the HKUST campus. Two more residential halls are nearing completion (Spring 2013); when ready, they will add 700 more places to the current count. Hall charges range from HK$9,000 to HK$21,000 a year depending on the type of rooms (i.e. single, double and triple).

For details of the types of accommodation available, please visit https://sao.ust.hk/housing/accommodation.html.

Hall Application

Hall admission is conducted on an annual basis. New students apply online in July/August. You may indicate in the application a hall of your preference. Your preference will be followed as far as possible.

Allocation of Hall Place

Continuing students who apply for student accommodation are assessed by a UG Hall Selection Committee, based on the following three criteria.

- Home distance from HKUST
- Contribution to campus life
- Outstanding performance

Each LLC centers on one of the six themes - Arts a-LIVE; Creative Affinity; Fitness Connection; ivillage; Live Green; and Rise and Shine. Through structured programs and activities, which have learning outcomes clearly established, students learn to contribute to the development of a more vibrant residential life. As a result, the integrated living and learning environment fosters interaction and enriches personal development of the student residents.

Learn more about LLC at http://llc.ust.hk.

Hall life

Student hall is a unique learning environment. On-campus accommodation provides rare opportunities for you to cultivate friendships, learn about yourself, develop intellectual faculties (among others), and experience a true sense of community with your peers.

The University believes that the halls should offer diverse residential life experiences. There are student societies running regular activities in Halls I to V while residents of Halls VI and VII may join an array of activities organized by Living Learning Communities (LLC).

The purpose of LLC is to create and extend student learning opportunities outside the classroom in order to integrate curricular and co-curricular experiences that enhance students’ intellectual and personal growth. Students reside in clusters within the student hall, forming small communities led and monitored by faculty and staff.
Applying to HKUST

How to Apply

Candidates with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) qualification should submit their application online via the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) website at http://www.jupas.edu.hk.

Key Dates

Please refer to the JUPAS website for updated information.

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For entry to an undergraduate program at HKUST, applicants have to satisfy both the General University Admission Requirements and School-specific Requirements.

**General Admission Requirements**
- 4C + 2X (4 core subjects plus two electives), or
- 4C + M1/M2 +1X (4 core subjects with Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2 plus one elective)

**School-specific Requirements**

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Upon completion of the necessary studies of one of the four Schools, students may choose to declare their Major(s) in their respective School, or may apply to enter a Major offered by the interdisciplinary Programs Office.

Remarks:
- The above subjects refer to Category A subjects.
- “Attained with Distinction” in Applied Learning Subjects will be used as supporting information.
- The School of Humanities and Social Science will use Other Language Subjects as unspecified elective subjects. For other Schools, Other Language Subjects will be used as supporting information. The minimum requirement is Grade E.
- Calculation of admissions scores for applicants with more than one sitting in HKDSE: once the minimum entry requirements have been met, the best results achieved in all sittings will be used for calculating admissions scores.
Financial Assistance

Students who have financial difficulties may apply for financial assistance, including Government Grant and Loan, University Financial Aid, Deferment of Tuition Fee / Hall Fee Payment and Exchange Sponsorship.

For more details, please visit http://sfao.ust.hk/sfa/info.html.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for local students in 2013/2014 is HK$ 42,100*.

Note: The final year of the Dual Degree Program in Technology and Management is offered on a self-financing basis. For reference, the tuition is HK$ 60,000 p.a. in 2012/2013.

* Subject to confirmation by the HKSAR Government

JUPAS Scholarships

The University offers various scholarships to students who excel either in academic or non-academic fields. These scholarships aim to enable the awardees to develop to their fullest potential.

Academic Achievements Scholarships
Academic Scholarships are specially designed for JUPAS entrants attaining excellent results in HKDSE. In 2012/13, students with Level 5** in one or more subjects and with Level 4 or above in English & Chinese in one single sitting of HKDSE were offered scholarships up to “a full tuition fee plus living allowance of HK$40,000 a year”.

Students do not have to apply for JUPAS Scholarships. The University will identify qualified JUPAS entrants and inform selected students of the scholarship awards.

All-Round/Non-Academic Achievements Scholarships
JUPAS students who have received an admission offer from the University and have shown outstanding all-round or non-academic achievements may apply for these scholarships. In 2012/13, the scholarships are one-off at HK$15,000 each.

Details of the Scholarships are available on http://sfao.ust.hk/scholarships

Exploring More of HKUST

Visit the Campus
Take a Campus Tour and see all that HKUST offers! Our Student Ambassadors will proudly show you one of the most scenic campuses in the world.

Weekend Campus Tours for prospective students and families are offered throughout the year. Come see for yourself! For tour information or to make a reservation, please visit http://join.ust.hk/local/visit/campus.html.

Ask a Student
Have questions about studying at HKUST? Wondering what University life is like? Curious about the out-of-classroom activities available here?

Connect with our e-Buddies to find out about the University directly from current students. They will be happy to share their insider tips and first-hand experiences with you.

Please visit the e-Buddy Scheme website http://saprogram.ust.hk/ebuddy.html for more details.
Frequently Asked Questions

How will the scores obtained from HKDSE be quantified for admission assessment?

Applicants who have fulfilled the School-specific requirements, their scores obtained from HKDSE will be quantified as follows:
Level 5** = 7; Level 5* = 6; Level 5 = 5; Level 4 = 4;... and so on.

Do all subjects carry same weighting for admission?

Some subjects may carry a heavier weighting than others. Each School has its own arrangements for subject weightings, which range from 1 – 2.5. For details please visit http://join.ust.hk/local/jupas/apply_jupas_entry_subject.html

If I take more HKDSE elective subjects than required, how would the University consider the extra elective(s)?

Any additional subject(s) will be considered as a tie-breaker or a bonus in admission score calculation.

Will the University consider students’ OEA (Other Learning Achievements)? How would these be considered?

Yes. The University will consider OEA information submitted by applicants, but mainly for Band A students. In general, OEA and non-academic attainments are considered supplementary to the assessment on academic strengths, and will account for a few percent of the admission scores.

If I re-take HKDSE in 2013, do I need to re-take all the subjects I attempted in 2012? And how will the results from two attempts be considered?

The University accepts combined certificates as long as the School-specific requirements are met. We will consider the best results obtained (in each subject) among the two attempts in calculating the admission scores. There will be no score penalty.

When do I enter a Major program? And what if I want to choose an interdisciplinary program?

Students in the Schools of Science, Engineering, and Humanities and Social Science will enter their Major program at the end of Year 1. Students in the School of Business and Management may enter their Major at the end of Year 1 or Year 2. For students who wish to study one of our interdisciplinary programs, they will first join one of the four Schools and then choose to pursue an interdisciplinary program at the end of Year 1.

School’s FAQ

School of Science
http://science.ust.hk/4year_faq.html

School of Engineering
http://www.seng.ust.hk

School of Business and Management
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