Non-local Student Welcome Guide
Welcome new non-local students! This guide covers the information you will need as you prepare for your time at HKU.

Arrival Checklist
- Report to your hall directly from Hong Kong International Airport (if applicable).
- Report to the International Affairs Office (Global Lounge, G/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre, Swire Building) if you are admitted to the student exchange programme.
- Complete your course selection (if applicable).
- Collect registration package and orientation information.
- Visit your own Faculty Office.
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- Visit your own Faculty Office (Cedars for Undergraduate Students & TPG for Postgraduate Students).
- Purchase housekeeping items like pillows, pillow cases, bed sheets and stationary items, etc.

Weeks of Welcome (WoW)
WoW activities are a mixture of fun, but finding visas and fees, aim to help you to settle down, introduct into the local way, enhance cross-cultural experience and mould, as well as explore more activities and people. Local students will serve as student hosts to lead these activities and introduce HKU and Hong Kong to you.

Programme
- Orientation for Non-Students: - Week Two (Aug 2019)
- Orientation for Domestic Students: - Week Three (Aug 2019)

Visa-related

Immigration Matters
It is the responsibility of individual students to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout their studies at HKU. Should there be any circumstances or personal changes leading to the termination or change of the prevailing visa status, you are required to contact the Hong Kong Immigration Department and to apply for a new visa status. Pursuing study without a valid visa is a breach of the law.

Visa Formalities
You should have your student visa label before you commence your programme. Please check the slip and make sure it contains “student-permitted to remain until (a date)” at the top. Keep both the visa label and permit to visit a public hospital.

WoW Party (30 Aug 2019)
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Visa Extension
If you have extended your study or your limit of stay is shorter than the normal duration of your study programme, you should apply for extension of visa status four weeks before your limit of stay expires. If the responsibility of individual students to renew your student visa before it expires is in order to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout their studies in HKU. Please approach your visa sponsor office for a copying of support after you submit your application to the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Currently, for undergraduate and taught course postgraduate students from the mainland, the student visa sponsor office is located in the University in the China Affairs Office (Cedars). For all other students, please contact Cedars for a visa extension.

Employment during the Study Programme and No Objection Letter (NOL)
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Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID Card)
For all students, you are recommended to apply for a HKID Card. In order to apply for a HKID Card, a person must have a visa (with the exception of tourist visa) which is valid for more than six months. You are recommended to apply for a HKID Card at least six weeks before your visa expires in order to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout your studies at HKU. Should there be any circumstances or personal changes leading to the termination or change of the prevailing visa status, you are required to contact the Hong Kong Immigration Department and to apply for a new visa status. Pursuing study without a valid visa is a breach of the law.

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Travelling to HKU

Introduction to Hong Kong

Greeting

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Social Customs

Chinese in general may not greet or smile to strangers, but they are warm to new friends. When meeting a local person on the street, he/she may smile to you and say "hi," or "hello," or "Greeting you?" If people seem unsure what to call you, tell them the name you prefer. The use of nicknames is common in Hong Kong. "Ming" are used more frequently. Use of English name is common on the campus.

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