



**HKUSPACE**  
香港大學專業進修學院  
HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education

# Studying in HKU SPACE

A guide to the general regulations and policies that apply to students undertaking courses in HKU SPACE.

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This guide is for the information of students who undertake courses in HKU SPACE, award-bearing and non-award-bearing, credit or non-credit. As a general rule, the School follows University policy and these guidelines are to inform the student body in HKU SPACE as to expectations of behaviours from students and consequences where infractions occur.

## **1. Overview**

The School is committed to creating, promoting and maintaining an environment of equality of opportunity for students and staff, free of any discrimination or harassment.

Hitherto, the School has been concerned mainly to engage students with a disability to ascertain how, and to what extent, it can help to meet their learning needs. However, equality of opportunity and freedom from harassment has many dimensions as outlined below:

## **2. Equal Opportunity**

The School supports equal opportunity and strongly opposes discrimination/harassment. Students are treated equally without discrimination on the grounds of age, gender, race, nationality, marital status, pregnancy, breastfeeding, disability, sexual orientation and family status. The School is committed to providing a learning environment where there is no barrier to equal opportunity.

Harassment will cause an uncomfortable learning environment. Individual students are responsible for their actions and shall not engage in potentially offensive behaviors.

The School observes the various definitions of discrimination, harassment and vilification stipulated by the relevant ordinances in Hong Kong:

- (a) Sex Discrimination – The definitions of sex discrimination and the exceptions in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (b) Sexual Harassment – The definitions of sexual harassment in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (c) Marital Status Discrimination – The definitions of marital status discrimination and the exceptions in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (d) Pregnancy Discrimination – The definitions of pregnancy discrimination and the exceptions in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (e) Breastfeeding Discrimination – The definitions of breastfeeding discrimination and the exceptions in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (f) Breastfeeding Harassment – The definitions of breastfeeding harassment in the Sex Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (g) Disability Discrimination – The definitions of disability discrimination and the exceptions in the Disability Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (h) Disability Harassment and Vilification – The definitions of disability harassment and vilification in the Disability Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (i) Family Status Discrimination – The definitions of family status discrimination and the exceptions in the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance will apply.

- (j) Race Discrimination – The definitions of race discrimination and the exceptions in the Race Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (k) Race Harassment and Vilification – The definitions of race harassment and vilification in the Race Discrimination Ordinance will apply.
- (l) Discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation
- (m) Harassment on the ground of sexual orientation
- (n) Victimisation discrimination
- (o) Other forms of discrimination or harassment/vilification

The School may make reference to the policies and procedures of the University Equal Opportunity Unit (EOU) and consult the EOU should circumstances warrant.

The School will take action, if necessary, to discipline behaviour which violates the Equal Opportunity Policy.

Any student who feels that he or she has been or is being subjected to discrimination/harassment by any person should seek assistance or advice as soon as possible.

For full-time students in the Community Colleges or International College, please approach the Student Counsellors. For part-time students, please approach the programme team.

When seeking assistance, the student is recommended to provide sufficient information including, but not limited to:

- (a) Details and date of the incident;
- (b) Personal information (e.g. name, contact information, marital status, family status, disability (where applicable), etc.);
- (c) Name of the respondent(s) (or name of the organisation) and contact;
- (d) Reasons or evidence supported the claim of discrimination/harassment;
- (e) Information of witness, if any.

The more information that is provided, the easier it will be to investigate a case. However a student may still approach the School about any incidents of discrimination/harassment even if he/she is unable to provide all of the above information.

The School appreciates the sensitive nature of discrimination/harassment and will ensure that details of the incident will only be disclosed to other persons on a need-to-know basis.

The School's Disciplinary and Appeals Committee will deal with cases that arise in relation to issues/cases described in this Section.

### **Students with Disability**

It is School policy to offer equal opportunities to all applicants with or without disabilities. Students are invited to indicate if they require any special assistance upon the application to a programme. If a student needs such assistance, the School will approach the student subsequently to obtain further details so as to facilitate how best the School can help. When enrolled in a programme, a student with a disability which may require special class and examination arrangements shall submit an application for such arrangements in writing to

the Programme Leader, together with a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner, or other relevant documents at the commencement of the programme. In terms of special examination arrangements, HKU SPACE may consider support and provisions for students with disabilities as appropriate, for example:

- (a) provision of an accessible examination hall to students with disabilities;
- (b) allowing longer examination time for students with visual impairment or writing difficulties; and
- (c) the use of special aids.

However, there is no guarantee that such needs can be fully supported.

### **Further Information on Equal Opportunities issues:**

Equal Opportunities Commission

<http://www.eoc.org.hk>

The University of Hong Kong, Equal Opportunity Unit (HKU EOU)

<https://www.eounit.hku.hk/en/>

HKU EOU Leaflets on:

Introduction to HKU's Equal Opportunity Policy and Procedures

<https://www.eounit.hku.hk/en/education-materials/leaflet/introduction-to-hku-s-equal-opportunity>

Handling Sexual Harassment – A Guide for Staff and Students

<https://www.eounit.hku.hk/en/education-materials/leaflet/handling-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-staff-and-students>

Disability Discrimination Ordinance Code of Practice on Education

<https://www.eounit.hku.hk/en/education-materials/leaflet/disability-discrimination-ordinance-code-of-practice-on-education>

## **3. Data Privacy Policy**

### **Data Privacy Policy Statement**

HKU SPACE respects personal data and is committed to full implementation and compliance with the data protection principles and all relevant provisions of the Hong Kong Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. We keep up to date with advice from the Commission on good practices and, in doing so, we ensure that staff involved in handling personal data comply with appropriate standards of security and confidentiality.

In general, HKU SPACE, being part of the HKU, complies with [all relevant and applicable HKU policies](#).

### **Uses of personal data we collect**

Whenever personal data is collected from you, electronically (including but not limited to website, mobile app, social media platforms) or physically, the purposes of the data collected will be specified. The personal data we collect will be used for processing applications for admission and registration, academic and administrative communication, web access and statistics, alumni management and contacts, research, statistical purposes,

marketing (including direct marketing), patient management and contacts, and prescribed purposes as allowed by the law from time to time. Examples are necessary student records, academic communications, alumni communication, patient records (CM and Dietetic clinics) and other incidental activities etc. Your data will solely be handled by HKU SPACE staff but may be transferred to and used by other companies under contract (in confidence) with the School for the above mentioned purposes.

HKU SPACE will divulge personal information only if required by law or with your prior consent. However, data may also be used in aggregate form for research and statistical purposes and in such circumstances individual data will not be divulged.

The personal data that you supply (including, without limitation to, your name, contact details and other information collected in your profile such as the programme(s) you enrolled, your graduation year etc.) may be used for communication, alumni contacts and promotion on the availability of programmes and courses. This will also include seminars and events, discounts and offers, clinics and other services as well as alumni events, privileges, networking opportunities and fund-raising initiatives. Occasionally information from our parent University and fellow HKU subsidiaries may also be sent. Various communication channels will be employed such as direct-mail, email, mobile phone and other forms of social media. You always have the right to make subsequent changes on your choice of receiving further marketing materials by sending a written unsubscribe request to the Data Protection Officer (please see contact details in the paragraph “Data Protection Issues / Enquiries”).

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### **Right of access and correction**

Under the Hong Kong Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, individuals have the right to request access to and correction of their personal data. Should you wish to access or correct your personal information held by us, please send your enquiry or request to the Data Protection Officer by post or by email (please quote “Data Access Request”). A reasonable fee may be charged for the processing of certain data access requests.

### **Changes to this Statement**

The HKU SPACE Data Privacy Policy Statement may be updated from time to time so please check this statement periodically. In case of inconsistency between the English and Chinese version, the English version shall prevail.

### **Data protection issues/enquiries**

Issues/enquiries should be addressed to HKU SPACE Deputy Director (Academic Services) who acts as the Data Protection Officer for the School.

### **Data Protection Officer**

HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education,  
Suites A & B, 12/F, United Centre,

95 Queensway, Hong Kong.  
Email: [privacy@hkuspace.hku.hk](mailto:privacy@hkuspace.hku.hk)

#### **4. Application and Admission**

##### **General and short courses**

1. Admission is normally made on a first come, first served basis.
2. Having paid the course fee, students may assume that their applications have been accepted, and should attend the course as scheduled, unless they hear from us before the course starts.

##### **Award-bearing and professional programmes**

1. Admission is by selection (interview or entry test/examination). Entry requirements are specified in the course descriptions.
2. Applicants should note that simply meeting the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee entry to a programme. Places are subject to availability and selection criteria, if any.
3. A small number of award-bearing programmes open their application directly for enrolment and payment on a first-come, first served basis. The final decision on entry is still subject to applicants' fulfillment of entrance requirements.
4. Successful applicants will be notified of the result as soon as possible after the closing date for application.
5. Unsuccessful applicants will be given a refund of course fees, if already paid.
6. For full-time programmes of the Community College, the entry requirements and the application procedures are specified in the College websites (<https://www2.hkuspace.hku.hk/cc/admission>).

##### **Other information**

1. Applicants are normally required to have reached the age of 18. Any applicants below the age of 18 (for example in the Community College and in Summer School programmes) who are admitted may be required to secure parental consent. This does not apply in the case of Applied Learning course students whose primary registration is based in their Secondary Schools.
2. To study in Hong Kong, all non-local applicants are required to obtain a student visa issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR Government, except for those admitted to Hong Kong as dependants, or on a Permit for Proceeding to Hong Kong or Macao (also known as "One-way Permit"), or under any of the schemes indicated in paragraph (I) below, who do not need prior approval before taking up full-time and part-time studies. Non-local applicants who are issued with a valid employment visa or training visa, or members of the Consular Corps, or foreign domestic helpers, or admitted under any of schemes listed in paragraph (II) below, also do not need prior approval to pursue part-time studies. It is the responsibility of individual applicants to make appropriate visa arrangements. Admission to an HKU SPACE academic programme/course does not guarantee the issue of a student visa. Applicants may wish to note that part-time courses are not considered by the Immigration Department for student visa purposes except for self-financed, part-time locally accredited taught postgraduate programmes awarded within the HKU system through HKU SPACE.

(I) Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS)  
Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (CIES)  
Immigration Arrangement for Non-local Graduates (IANG)  
Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ASSG)  
Top Talent Pass Scheme (TTPS)  
New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (New CIES)

(II) Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS)  
Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS)  
Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes (SLIS)  
Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (CWS)  
Investment for Entrepreneurs under the General Employment Policy (GEP)  
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTP)

3. HKU SPACE reserves the right to cancel a course or a programme in cases of insufficient enrolment or unforeseen difficulties arising from running the course. In such circumstances, course fees would be refundable.
4. The Director may, at his discretion, refuse to admit an applicant.

### **Enrolment Procedures**

For first time enrolment:

Applicants must provide all the required information on the application form and any additional information as required after the initial application assessment. Otherwise the School may not be able to process the admission/enrolment further.

#### **A. In Person or by Post**

1. For first come, first served short courses, complete the Application for Enrolment Form SF26 and bring or post the completed form(s), together with the appropriate application/course fee(s) and any required supporting documents to any of the HKU SPACE enrolment centres.
2. Award-bearing and professional courses may require other information. Forms are usually available at the enrolment centres or on request from programme staff. Bring or post the completed form(s), together with the appropriate application/course fee(s) and any required supporting documents to any of the HKU SPACE enrolment centres.

#### **B. Online**

Online Application for award-bearing and professional courses and Online Enrolment for first-come-first-served short courses are available for most programmes/courses. You may refer to programmes with the “Apply Now” icon on our School website via the individual programme webpage.

Please note that successful completion of the Online Application process does not guarantee admission to the programme. After acceptance of offer to award-bearing programmes by selection, online enrolment and payment service is available for selected programmes. Programme staff will inform students if they offer this service and provide further details.

## **For continuing enrolment in the same programme**

### **A. In person or by post**

1. The standard 'Enrolment/Payment Slip' is designed for students of award-bearing programmes or remaining programmes in a suite of programmes requiring continuing enrolment and it applies to most programmes.
2. Students should complete the 'Enrolment/Payment Slip' which will be made available by relevant programme staff and return the slip to any HKU SPACE enrolment centre for payment in person or post it to the relevant programme staff with appropriate fee payment.

### **B. Online**

Selected programmes offer online continuing enrolment service. Programme staff will inform students if they offer this service and offer further enrolment details.

## **5. Payment Methods**

### Fee payment

- (i) Cash, EPS, WeChat Pay or Alipay are accepted at any HKU SPACE Enrolment Centres.
- (ii) Crossed cheque or bank draft must be made payable to "HKU SPACE". Please write the programme title(s) and the applicant's name on the back of the cheque. You may pay:
  - in person by submitting the payment, completed form(s) and any required supporting documents to any of our enrolment centres; or
  - by mailing the above mentioned documents to any of our enrolment centres, specifying "Course Application" on the envelope.  
(However, full-time programmes of the Community College do not accept cheque payments.)
- (iii) VISA/Mastercard payment are accepted. Course applicants, who are holders of HKU SPACE Mastercard, can enjoy a 10-month interest-free instalment period for courses of HK\$2,000 and over. For enquiries, please contact our enrolment centres.
- (iv) Online application / enrolment is offered for most open admission courses (enrolled on first come, first served basis) and selected award-bearing programmes. Application fees and course fees of these programmes/ courses can be settled by using Online WeChat Pay, Online Alipay, Faster Payment System (FPS), VISA, Mastercard and PPS by Internet. Please note that PPS by Internet is not available via mobile phones. For details, refer to Enrolment Methods - Online Enrolment on the School website.

## Notes

- (i) If the programme/course is starting within five working days, application by post is not recommended to avoid any delays. Applicants are advised to enrol in person at HKU SPACE Enrolment Centres and avoid making cheque payment under this circumstance.
- (ii) Fees paid are not refundable except under very exceptional circumstances (e.g. course cancellation due to insufficient enrolment), subject to the School's discretion.
- (iii) In very exceptional cases where a refund is approved, this is usually subject to an administration charge. Fees paid by cash, EPS, WeChat Pay, Alipay, Online WeChat Pay, Online Alipay ,cheque, FPS or PPS by Internet will be reimbursed by cheque/bank transfer (for students of the Community College whose bank account number is available); fees paid by credit card will be reimbursed to the credit card account used for payment.
- (iv) In addition to the published fees, there may be additional costs associated with individual programmes. Please refer to the relevant course brochures or direct any enquiries to the relevant programme teams for details.
- (v) Fees and places on courses are not transferrable. Once accepted onto a course, the student may not change to another course without approval from HKU SPACE. A processing fee of HK\$120 will be levied on each approved transfer. For full-time programmes of the Community College, the programme transfer application fee is HK\$400 regardless of the application result.
- (vi) HKU SPACE will not be responsible for any loss of payment, receipt, or personal information sent by mail.
- (vii) For payment certification, please submit a completed form, a sufficiently stamped and self-addressed envelope, and a crossed cheque for HK\$30 per copy made payable to "HKU SPACE" to any of our enrolment centres.

## 6. Financial Assistance

### **Continuing Education Fund (CEF)**

The Continuing Education Fund (CEF) encourages local residents to pursue continuing education by providing them with subsidies for continuing education and training.

The aim is to encourage Hong Kong residents to pursue continuing learning so as to better equip themselves amidst the rapidly changing vocational, technological and socio-economic developments.

## **Enhancement Measures**

The following enhancement measures are applicable to CEF courses which commenced on or after 1 August 2022:

- increasing CEF subsidy ceiling from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per applicant;
- re-activating closed CEF accounts, so that applicants can make use of the unused balance (if any) under the original subsidy of \$10,000, as well as the additional subsidy of \$15,000;
- adopting a co-payment ratio by learners for the first \$10,000 subsidy at 20% of the course fee and that for the remaining \$15,000 subsidy at 40% of the course fee;
- cancellation of the upper age limit for applicants;
- expanding the scope of CEF courses to all eligible courses registered on the Qualifications Register;
- streamlining application procedures, and lifting the restrictions on validity period and number of claims; and
- enhancing the quality assurance monitoring of CEF courses.

## **Eligible applicants**

A person who meets the following eligibility criteria can apply for CEF:

- A Hong Kong resident who has the right of abode or the right to land or to remain in Hong Kong without restriction, or a holder of one-way permit from Chinese Mainland;
- aged between 18 and 70 (i.e. before reaching the age of 71) both at the time when the CEF course commences and submitting the respective reimbursement application (The upper age limit has been removed for courses commenced after 1 August 2022);
- has successfully completed a CEF course of which the tuition fee has been paid; and
- has not obtained any other public funds or publicly-funded financial assistance for the same course, module or unit of study credits.

Applicants can check the usable balance of subsidy by logging in to the CEF website, and use the subsidy calculator to estimate the eligible subsidy.

## **How to apply**

Applicants can submit the 1) electronic or 2) paper-based application to the Office of the Continuing Education Fund (OCEF) within one year upon successful completion of a CEF Course and before reaching the age of 71 (The upper age limit has been removed for courses commenced after 1 August 2022.) Late applications will not be accepted by the Government.

### **1) Online application through “eWFSFAA” (Electronic application)**

Applicants may complete and submit the online application form through “[eWFSFAA](#)”. Applicants who did not use “iAM Smart+” for digital signing in the online submission of the application form are required to print out a hard copy of the form and sign the Declaration in Part D and submit the printed form with original signature to the OCEF within one month after online submission in order to be considered as a valid application. Applicants using “iAM Smart+” for digital signing are not required to submit the printed copy of application form to the OCEF.

2) By post or over the counter (Paper-based application)

Applicants may submit the completed original application form [\[SFO 313 \(2025\)\]](#) with copies of the supporting documents [One-way permit (if applicable), the front page of his / her bank passbook or bank statement showing the name, account number and bank name / bank code, result of benchmark test / examination and benchmark test / examination fees receipts (if applicable)] to OCEF by post or in person.

OCEF's address

Units 07-11, 25/F., CDW Building

388 Castle Peak Road

Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong

Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays), 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:45pm.

Applicants may also place their applications in the drop-in boxes. Please refer to the [OCEF's website](#) for information.

Please refer to the Guidance Notes for Application [\[SFO 312 E \(2024\)\]](#) when completing the application form.

The following information should be filled by referring to the “CEF Course Completion Information” document issued by the Programme Team:

- (i) CEF Course Code
- (ii) CEF Course Title
- (iii) Commencement Date
- (iv) Course Completion Date
- (v) Date of 1st Instalment of Tuition Fee Paid
- (vi) Actual Amount of Tuition Fee Paid

#### Points to Note

- Only eligible applicant who has successfully completed a CEF reimbursable course can apply for reimbursement of course fees. “Successful completion” of a CEF reimbursable course means that the applicant must have attended no less than 70% of the contactable hours of the CEF reimbursable course or such higher attendance requirement as prescribed for the CEF reimbursable course (whichever is higher) and attained an overall mark of either 50% or such higher percentage of assessment(s) as prescribed for the CEF reimbursable course (whichever is higher) as assessed by whichever method approved by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (including any examination and assignment requirements with approved weighting).
- Applicants studying language proficiency course are required to pass a specified language benchmark test / examination (if applicable) at the specified (or higher) level to be eligible for fee reimbursement. Language benchmark tests / examinations should be taken by the applicants after the language proficiency course has commenced, and the applications must be submitted within one year upon the successful completion of the course (Note: according to the course completion date or the date of the specified language benchmark test / examination, whichever is later). Copies of documentary

proof of passing the specified language benchmark test / examination (if applicable) and language benchmark test / examination fee receipts (if applicable) should be submitted together with copies of relevant supporting documents in respect of the language proficiency course. Reimbursement of language benchmark test / examination fees alone is not allowed.

- Applicant can make use of the same language benchmark test / examination to support the claims for more than one CEF language proficiency course but the fees for the language benchmark tests / examinations can only be claimed once. The examination date of the language benchmark test / examination must fall after the course commencement date of the reimbursable course(s) used for claiming CEF. Information on the specified language benchmark tests / examinations and levels of the language proficiency courses can be downloaded from the “Reimbursable Course List” in OCEF website.
- A claim for reimbursement of the language benchmark test / examination fees will only be entertained if it is accompanied with a claim for the relevant language proficiency course.
- Applicants must respect of any courses, modules or units of study credits for which the fees are to be reimbursed, the applicant must not have obtained any other public funds or assistance under any other publicly-funded financial assistance schemes for the same course, such as pursuing courses funded by the University Grants Committee, grants or loans from the “Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students” administered by the WFSFAA, subsidy from the “Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong” or “Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions / Sectors”, etc.
- If an eligible applicant obtained loans from the “Extended Non-means-tested Loan Scheme” (ENLS) administered by WFSFAA to meet the payment of fees for a CEF reimbursable course, the CEF reimbursement would first be used to offset any outstanding ENLS loans borrowed by the applicant for paying the tuition fee in respect of the same course. Any remaining balance of the CEF reimbursement after offsetting the loan amount will be credited to the designated account of the applicant.
- Applicants are required to sign a ‘Statement of Consent and Acknowledgement’ provided by the institutions / course providers upon the enrollment of CEF course. The eligibility for fee reimbursement under the CEF may be affected if the applicants failed to sign the relevant statement or confirmed not to apply for fee reimbursement under the CEF for the enrolled course and do not consent to the disclosure of their personal data to the Specified Public Authorities.
- The OCEF will not accept reimbursement of additional courses which are not stated on the Application Form. Applicant may submit a new application for reimbursement of other courses.
- In processing the applications for fee reimbursement of courses to which commenced on or after 1 August 2022, if there is an unused balance for the first HK\$10,000 subsidy, the unused balance and co-payment amount by the applicant of the first HK\$10,000 subsidy would be used for calculation of the fee reimbursement amount first. The

balance of the remaining course fee after deduction of the reimbursement amount under the first HK\$10,000 subsidy will then be allotted to the remaining HK\$15,000 subsidy for calculation.

- Applicants are required to input the course in sequence from the earliest course commencement date up to the latest one when completing the application form. OCEF may rearrange the sequence of course submitted for the purpose of maximizing the reimbursed amount.
- Failure to provide all the necessary documents may lead to the rejection of the application.
- The CEF account for an applicant will be invalidated when the full sum of HK\$25,000 subsidy has been reimbursed.

### **Enquiries**

General enquiries about the CEF Scheme should be addressed to the OCEF (Tel.: 3142 2277, a 24-hour manned enquiry hotline handled by staff of ‘1823’; email: [cef\\_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk](mailto:cef_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk); website: [www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef) ). For more specific enquiries, such as course admission criteria and schedules, please send in your questions by email ([cef\\_enquiry@hkuspace.hku.hk](mailto:cef_enquiry@hkuspace.hku.hk)), contact the enquiry number listed under individual course descriptions in the Prospectus and the website that bear the CEF logo, or refer to the School website containing the list of CEF courses.


### **Handling of Complaints related to CEF Courses**

The School has proper internal procedures for course participants to file their complaints related to CEF courses.

These procedures can be found in Section 11.4 “Student-School Communication: Comments, Complaints and Compliments” of the Student Handbook, downloadable from the “General Information” section of the HKU SPACE Learner Portal <https://learner.hkuspace.hku.hk/> .

CEF Courses related complaints should be filed in writing to the dedicated email account ([cef\\_complaints@hkuspace.hku.hk](mailto:cef_complaints@hkuspace.hku.hk)). An initial acknowledgement from the School to the complainant will be made within 3 working days.

### **Smart Age Series**

The School advocates the value of lifelong learning for all. A wide range of programmes and courses is being offered for actualization of an enhanced quality of life through personal and intellectual enrichment. Effective from 1 June 2019, the “Smart Age Series” incentive scheme offers learners aged 60 or above a 20% fee discount for courses under the scheme (with a marked logo 60+) to encourage their lifelong learning pursuit. The number of discount places available in some courses is subject to a quota. Please contact the related programme staff for further details and enquiries. To enjoy the discount, smart age learners must apply in person and present their HKID card or passport for age verification at the time of their course enrolment.

### **Deduction of tax for expenses on self-education**

Students may be eligible to apply for a tax deduction in respect of programme fees if the course of study will gain or maintain a qualification for use in employment. From the financial year of 2017/18 onwards, the maximum tax-deductible allowance is HK\$100,000. Most of the HKU SPACE award-bearing programmes fall into this category. To apply, students should follow the instructions when completing their annual tax returns to the Inland Revenue Department. For enquiries, please visit <https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/taxes/salaries/allowances/deductions/selfeducation.htm>

### **Extended Non-Means-Tested Loan Scheme (ENLS)**

HKU SPACE students may apply for the Extended Non-Means-Tested Loan Scheme (ENLS) administered by the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). For enquiries, please visit <http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/enls/overview.htm> or contact SFO at 2150 6223.

### **Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP)**

The Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) is a mean-tested financial assistance scheme administered by the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). Full-time HKU SPACE students in need aged 30 or below pursuing locally accredited associate degree, higher diploma or degree programmes are eligible to apply for assistance under the Scheme.

For enquiries, please visit

<https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/fasp/overview.htm> or contact SFO at 2152 9000.

### **HKU SPACE Mastercard**

To further promote lifelong learning in the community, HKU SPACE has collaborated with the Bank of East Asia to introduce the HKU SPACE Mastercard. Cardholders can enjoy:

- 10-month interest-free instalments for payment of course fees for a minimum of HK\$2,000, and must pay their tuition fees in person at any of HKU SPACE Enrolment Centres. For Enrolment/Learning Centres location, please visit HKU SPACE website: <https://hkuspace.hku.hk/learning-centre>.
- Perpetual annual fee waiver

HKU SPACE Mastercard application can be completed online via BEA website [www.hkbea.com/HKUSPACE/en](http://www.hkbea.com/HKUSPACE/en). For enquiries, please call BEA Credit Card Customer Services Hotline at 3608 6628.

Other banks also offer education loans to students. Students may wish to check directly with the banks for details.

## 7. **Academic Matters**

### **Academic Policy Statement in Relation to Generative AI in Teaching and Learning**

The policy of the School in relation to the use of artificial intelligence tools is as follows: First of all, the passing off of work produced by AI as one's own without acknowledgement is regarded as plagiarism and will be penalised (please refer to the academic regulations in this context). This applies to all programmes.

Secondly, all curricula at HKQF Level 4 and above will include content on the proper and ethical use of AI which is important both from an educational perspective and from the perspective of potential future employers who will expect graduates to be familiar with the proper use and applications of AI.

Thirdly, in order to support students and teachers (full time and part time in both cases) the School will make available links and access to AI tools via the SOUL platform so that they can become familiar with their use in their work for the School.

Fourthly, in this context, it should be noted that these tools provided by the School should only be used for their academic work in the School and not for any other purposes.

### **Academic Certificate Verification Platform (ACVP)**

The HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE) utilizes the Academic Certificate Verification Platform (ACVP) implemented and operated by the Joint Universities Computer Centre (JUCC) as a secure system for managing, verifying, and sharing academic credentials. The ACVP uses blockchain technology and enhances the reliability and efficiency of academic credential verification. Sharing of academic credentials with third parties such as employers and education institutions can be authorised by graduates and done simply through a link, a QR code, or a PDF file.

At the present stage, ACVP is available for the sharing of award parchments by graduates who complete a part-time, locally accredited, postsecondary (i.e. QF Level 4 and above) programme awarded within the HKU System through HKU SPACE from 1 January 2026 or thereafter. Students may, however, indicate the wish to not participate in the ACVP by signing an "Opt-Out Statement". The "Opt-Out Statement" document is downloadable at the School Website (<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/teaching-and-learning/academic-certificate-verification> platform).

### **Information for Students**

Students should note that while their views will be taken into account, the School, in order to maintain academic integrity, reserves the final right of decision in academic matters, particularly in terms of the curriculum, assessment and management of teaching arrangements. The School also has expectations of student behaviour in its learning centres, such that students will act in a respectful and courteous manner in observing the School's regulations. By accepting the offer of admission to the School's courses, students also accept that they will abide by the School's rules and regulations and its disciplinary procedures.

### **Class schedules**

- Where feasible, teachers, start dates and teaching venues of a course (other than at the Community College) are advertised in this Prospectus. Every effort is made to ensure that programmes are delivered in accordance with the information advertised. However, the School reserves the right to make changes if necessary, and students will be duly informed of these changes. For the Community College, the start dates and teaching venues of a course are announced via Student Notices on the Learner Portal.
- If information on the teaching venue is not yet known within three days of the start date of the course, please check with the relevant programme staff.
- Unless special arrangements are made, there are no classes on:
  - All public holidays and the Mid-Autumn Festival (evening)
  - Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve (afternoon and evening), Lunar New Year's Eve (afternoon and evening)
  - HKU Foundation Day (16 March)
- In cases of unexpected circumstances in class administration such as cancellation of classes, the School will send urgent messages via SMS supplemented by other means such as email (if the need arises), to students for their immediate attention. Students with genuine difficulty in receiving urgent messages by SMS should contact the programme teams for separate arrangements before the commencement of the programme.

### **Medium of instruction**

Unless stated otherwise, courses will be conducted in the language specified in the Prospectus. Some courses will be conducted in English supplemented with Chinese, or in Chinese supplemented with English. Generally speaking programmes at QF level 4 and above will be in English unless otherwise indicated. The language of the assessment, where it is not specified, will be the language published in the Prospectus/Programme Handbook. Please consult the programme staff if you have any doubts.

### **Blended learning guidelines**

The School has introduced Blended Learning Guidelines among award-bearing programmes, which is a blended learning approach combining face-to-face classroom teaching and e-learning features. The set of guidelines also provides directions for programmes to include advanced e-learning approaches for enriching the total learning experience.

### **Online learning management system**

SOUL is an online learning management system which is available to all registered HKU SPACE learners and instructors for collaboration through various online learning activities e.g. Forum and Interactive exercise. The system also serves as a mechanism for instructors to evaluate and provide feedback to students for improving their studies. We also provide services to learners, instructors and staff from HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College.

### **Log into your online account**

Users are able to use their Learner Portal/Teacher Portal/Staff Intranet account to login to SOUL. To obtain your SOUL account information, please go to SOUL at <https://soul2.hkuspace.hku.hk/resources/about/index.php>.

### **Library facilities**

HKU SPACE students with a HKU Libraries Borrower's Card/HKU Facilities Access Card are entitled to borrowing privileges as well as access to some web-based electronic library resources. The list of electronic resources available is constantly expanding as the School, in association with HKU Libraries, is continuously working to provide access to databases that serve the diverse needs of adult learners pursuing continuing education in a wide range of disciplines.

HKU Libraries Borrower's Cards and Reader's Cards are issued according to course requirements. Please consult the relevant programme staff.

### **Lifelong Learner Card**

HKU SPACE issues a Lifelong Learner Card to every student and every member of the HKU SPACE ALUMNI. There is no expiry date on this Card as the School recognises that lifelong learners may return to active learning at any time and use the Card as a personal identifier in class or for e-registration.

Cardholders enjoy discounts and offers, subject to the current terms and conditions.

Please access the Alumni Website (<https://alumni.hkospace.hku.hk>) for details. Upon admission, a HKU SPACE student will be required to submit a recent passport size colour photo for the issue of the Lifelong Learner Card. It is always advisable to bring the Card to class as it serves as a personal identifier. The alternative would be a valid programme fee receipt. Sometimes, it may be necessary for students to show their Hong Kong Identity Cards, for example, for access to classrooms located in commercial buildings after regular office hours.

Each full-time student of the Community College is issued with a Student Identity Card which gives the right to access to the College's facilities and services. After graduation, they will receive the Lifelong Learner Card.

## **8. General Matters**

### **Academic Freedom**

As part of the University of Hong Kong, the School follows University Policies on Academic Freedom.

A working definition of academic freedom in the form of an institutional declaration is as follows:

1. "Academic freedom refers to the freedom of academic institutions, structures and individuals to study, teach, research and publish without being subject to undue interference, free of any authority or standard other than the rational methods by which truth is established. The notion of academic freedom reflects the belief that it enhances the pursuit, transmission and application of knowledge, and as such may be supported by society through the funding of academics and their institutions. Academic freedom embodies an acceptance of the need to encourage openness and flexibility in academic work, and of the accountability of academics to each other and to the norms of cooperative pursuit of knowledge."

2. A list of specific academic freedoms enjoyed by the University and its members with corresponding responsibilities can be found at [https://hku.hk/about/policies\\_reports/acad\\_freedom.html](https://hku.hk/about/policies_reports/acad_freedom.html)

### **Civility in the Classroom**

Equally important values are honesty, integrity, decency, dignity, tolerance, respect, civility and trust. The School's adherence to these values naturally means that the School rejects forms of behavior that are intolerant, abusive, bullying and violent.

In terms of promoting civility on the campus (which includes in this context all HKU SPACE campuses and learning centres), the School is committed to ensure that transgression of the basic notions of civility listed above are not permitted.

The first priority of the School is to provide a high quality, safe and stimulating learning environment for all our students, full-time and part-time. All students and teachers are asked to uphold this convention whilst in class so that all may give their uninterrupted attention to learning and thus ensure the smooth operation of the classroom environment so as to meet the learning objectives. Education is for all in a spirit of toleration and respect for each other.

### **Discretion and discipline**

- The School has discretion over admission of students to any of its programmes.
- A teacher may exclude from a class any student whose behaviour causes a disturbance to the rest of the class.
- The Director has the authority for HKU SPACE in matters of a disciplinary nature such as the conduct of examinations, plagiarism and unacceptable behaviour in class.

### **Classroom conduct**

- Unauthorised reservation of seats is not permitted.
- Eating or drinking is not allowed.
- All mobile phones and pagers are to be turned off.
- Smoking is prohibited at all HKU SPACE learning centres and the University campus.
- No video/audio recording is allowed, except with the permission of the Programme Director/Manager, and is subject to any conditions stipulated when such permission is granted.
- Personal belongings should not be left unattended.

### **Requests for Checking of Examination Results**

In accordance with University policy, there is no appeal against the results of examination and any other written form of assessment which contributes to 50% or more of the overall result. Nevertheless, if student queries on their results are received, Programme Staff will check, on such request, to ensure that there are no “mechanical” errors, i.e. that the arithmetic is correct, that all pages have been marked and included, etc. Any student request for checking must be made within one month of publication of results and a charge (currently HK\$200) will be imposed, while the Community College requires students to make application within 7 days from the release date of the results with a charge of HK\$500. For part-time programmes, the fee will be refunded if a change is made in the final grade to rectify an error identified in the re-checking, otherwise the fee is non-refundable. For the Community College, the fee will be refunded only if there is an upward

change in the final grade. Students will be informed of the result of the check within three weeks of the request. Different policies may apply on programmes which are conducted in collaboration with overseas academic institutions. For the Community College there are some courses in collaboration with HKU where different arrangements may apply.

Such checking is not and does not entail academic re-assessment of the materials or coursework presented by the students. In other words, appeal against the academic judgement of the examiners will not be entertained.

### **Plagiarism**

As with all academic institutions the School penalises plagiarism – the passing off of work by others as a student’s own without acknowledgement/referencing. This is especially the case with the development of Generative AI such as ChatGPT. Following University policy, AI will be included in curricula and students will be instructed on its proper and ethical use. However, those found using AI without referencing and passing off AI generated material as their own will be penalised as this is a form of plagiarism.

### **Statement of Attendance/Achievement**

If a programme does not carry a formal academic award, the School will issue a Statement of Attendance within three months of the end of the course to participants achieving 70% class attendance.

A Statement of Achievement will be issued to a participant who has completed a non-award bearing programme with an assessment component and achieved a passing grade.

A replacement copy of the Statement of Attendance/Achievement can be issued upon request. An applicant should send a stamped self-addressed envelope and a crossed cheque of HK\$30 made payable to “HKU SPACE” to the School. The School is not responsible for any lost correspondence in the post.

### **Transcripts**

Students may request a transcript after completion of a programme carrying a formal award. A non-refundable application fee is required. Please approach the relevant programme staff. Different policies may apply on non-local programmes which are conducted in collaboration with overseas academic institutions.

### **Replacement of award certificates**

The School Academic Award Certificate is a unique document. In accordance with University policy and under normal circumstances, no duplicate will be issued. In case of the loss of or damage to an original certificate, or when there is a legal name change, please refer to the “Regulations Governing the Issue of Replacement Award Certificates” obtainable from any HKU SPACE Learning Centre for the relevant procedures. For the Community College, students can refer to the application form “*Application for Replacement of Certificate*” which is available at the College Office. A replacement fee is required for each certificate. Different policies may apply on non-local programmes which are conducted in collaboration with overseas academic institutions.

## **Feedback**

Feedback from students is highly valued and plays an important role in monitoring, improving and enhancing the quality of the programmes and services offered by the School, so we hope that students will fulfil their responsibility to provide honest and unbiased feedback. If students would like to convey immediate feedback about our programmes or services, the first point of contact should be the Programme Leader of the respective programme. There are other formal mechanisms for students to channel their feedback to the School, including student surveys, student representation in Academic Committees and the programme review process. Students are also welcome to complete the “Online Feedback Form for Students”, which will be handled by relevant staff, and a reply will be made as soon as possible. All cases are handled in strict confidence and will not affect students’ assessment results in any way.

## **Student Surveys**

The “Learning Experience Survey (LES)” is conducted near the end of each course of an award-bearing programme. Students are invited to complete standard online questionnaires on the quality of courses and of teaching. The “Survey on Support Services (SSS)” is a tool used once a year to collect focused feedback on student experience with the teaching and learning support services provided in the School learning centres at the primary location used for their programmes.

Please scan the following QR code to access the survey link for LES and SSS, and use your student email to pass the authentication.



For details, please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The “Programme Learning Outcomes Survey (PLOS)” is to assess from the graduating student perspective their achievement of Programme Intended Learning Outcomes.

## **Complaints**

Should feedback lead to complaints this will be handled first at the Programme level. More serious cases will be referred to the College Head / Deputy Director (Academic Services) and if still unresolved, the School’s Complaints Committee may be convened.

## **9. Enrolment/Learning Centres**

The School operates across a number of downtown Learning Centres conveniently located for access:

### **Admiralty Learning Centre**

2/F & 3/F, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong  
(access via the shopping arcade escalators through Exit A, Admiralty MTR Station)  
Tel: 3761 1111 Fax: 2559 4666

#### Enrolment service (3/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 8:30am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am – 5:00pm

### **United Learning Centre**

6/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong  
(Exit D, Admiralty MTR Station)  
Tel: 2910 7600 Fax: 2520 6312

### **HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College (HPSHCC) Campus**

66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
Tel: 3762 0100 Fax: 3923 7188

#### Enrolment service (1/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 9:00am – 5:30pm

Saturdays: Closed

### **Fortress Tower Learning Centre**

4/F, 10/F, 14/F, 16/F, 19/F, 20/F & 22/F Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Exit B, Fortress Hill MTR Station)  
Tel: 3762 0888 Fax: 2508 9349

#### Enrolment service (14/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 8:30am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: Closed

### **Island East Campus**

494 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Exit B3, North Point MTR Station)  
Tel: 3762 0000 Fax: 2214 9493

#### Enrolment service (2/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 8:30am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: Closed

### **Island South (Pokfulam) Campus**

3 Wah Lam Path, Pokfulam, Hong Kong  
Tel: 3762 6100 Fax: 2551 2026

**HKU Campus**

The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Tel: 3762 6262

**Kowloon East Campus**

28 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Exit B, Kowloon Bay MTR Station)

Tel: 3762 2222 Fax: 2305 5070

Enrolment service (1/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 8:30am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Kowloon West Campus**

5/F, 6/F, 7/F, 8/F, 10/F, 11/F & 12/F, NCB Innovation Centre, 888 Lai Chi Kok Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon (Exit D1 or D2, Lai Chi Kok MTR Station)

Tel: 3762 0088 Fax: 2866 4098

Enrolment service (5/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 8:30am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: closed

\* For security purpose, visitors may be asked to register at the Concierge on the 1/F, Guest Service Centre of the NCB Innovation Centre. For HKU SPACE students, student card / receipt of course fee should be presented.

**CITA Learning Centre**

63 Tai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Exit A, Kowloon Bay MTR Station)

Tel: 3762 0111 Fax: 3104 1439

**Kowloon East (Exchange) Learning Centre**

1/F, Exchange Tower, 33 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay (Exit A, Kowloon Bay MTR Station)

Tel: 3762 2200 Fax: 2707 3650

**Kowloon East (Kingston) Learning Centre**

6/F, 7/F & 8/F, Kingston International Centre, 19 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Exit B, Kowloon Bay MTR Station)

Tel: 3762 2020 Fax: 2707 3647

**Sheung Shui Learning Centre**

7/F & 8/F, Spot, 48 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui, New Territories  
(Exit A4, Sheung Shui MTR Station)  
Tel: 3762 0222

Enrolment service (7/F) & opening hours:

Weekdays: 10:00am – 7:30pm

Saturdays: closed

\* Enrolment Service Hours (PHs excepted), the School reserves the right to adjust as necessary, without prior notice.

**Adverse weather arrangements**

The following arrangements are applicable to HKU SPACE except its Community College, the HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College, the Applied Learning (APL) Courses and the Summer School. For bad weather arrangements at these two Colleges, APL courses and the Summer School, please visit:

HKU SPACE Community College:

<https://www2.hkuspace.hku.hk/cc/special-weather-arrangement>

HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College:

[https://hkuspace-plk.hku.hk/f/upload/4749/HPSHCC\\_Adversel\\_Weather\\_Arrangement.pdf](https://hkuspace-plk.hku.hk/f/upload/4749/HPSHCC_Adversel_Weather_Arrangement.pdf)

HKU SPACE Applied Learning Courses:

<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/collection/apl/adverse-weather-arrangement>

HKU SPACE Summer School (for all courses at different learning centres):

<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/study/summerschool/information-for-student>

**For classes and examinations that have not yet started:**

If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above “Extreme Conditions” or a Black Rainstorm Signal is/are in force during the following time periods, or when an announcement is made by the Hong Kong Observatory that the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above is likely to be issued during the following time periods, classes/examinations will be cancelled as indicated:

**6:00am – 10:59am**

Classes/examinations that start before 2:00pm will be cancelled.

**11:00am – 2:59pm**

Classes/examinations that start between 2:00pm and 6:00pm will be cancelled.

**3:00pm and onwards**

Classes/examinations that start from 6:00pm will be cancelled.

**For classes and examinations that have already started:**

	Classes	Examinations
When the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above is in force	Immediately suspended	Continue until the end of that examination session unless otherwise announced by the School#
When an announcement is made by the Hong Kong Observatory that the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 or above is likely to be issued within the next two hours	Continue until Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 is officially issued, then classes will be suspended immediately*/#	Continue until the end of that examination session unless otherwise announced by the School*/#
When Black Rainstorm Signal is in force	Continue#	Continue#

\* It will be at the discretion of students, particularly those living in outlying islands or remoter areas, to leave earlier

# All outdoor activities will be suspended