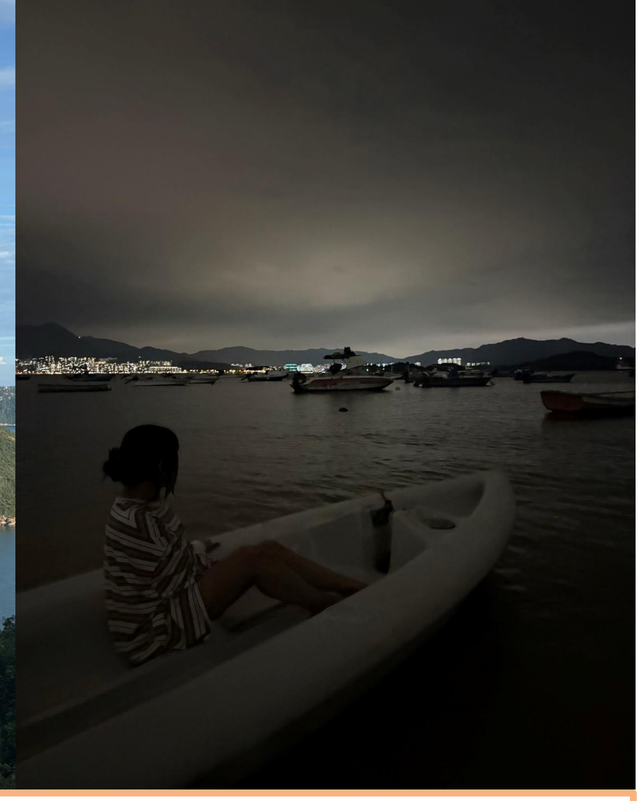
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TERM DATES FOR 2026/27

Semester A: 31Aug-28Nov, 7-19Dec

Semester B: 11Jan-17Apr, 26Apr-10May

ABOUT CITYUHK

- City University of Hong Kong is a public university in Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, formally established in 1994.
- The campus includes 4 main buildings: YEUNG, LI and LAU buildings, and the Run Run Shaw Creative Media Centre (15-minute walk from the others).
- All buildings boast modern architecture with up-to-date facilities and study spaces.
- Ranked #52 and #73 in the QS and Times HE World University Rankings for 2027, respectively. THE also named CityUHK as the most international university worldwide in both 2024 and 2025.
- With a strong focus on technology, innovation and research, CityU draws students from all over the world.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong SAR is a unique blend of Chinese culture and international influences…

- Famous for its incredible skyline, mountains, harbours and beaches, Hong Kong offers plenty of ways to escape the hustle and bustle – take on a hiking trail, or unwind on the sands of Repulse Bay…
- A huge variety of food, from local street food to international cuisine – my favourite spots include Sushi Express and LUNG Dim Sum, or 7-11 for a convenient and inexpensive meal.
- Extremely efficient public transport: MTR (metro), buses, the historic "**Ding Ding**" trams and **Star Ferry**.
- So much to explore, from traditional temples and markets to shopping districts and twenty-story malls!

As a former British colony of over 150 years, British influence is still prevalent. English is an official language of Hong Kong, so you can get by easily even if you don't speak a word of Cantonese!

BEYOND HONG KONG

- Hong Kong's location makes it an ideal base for exploring Asia, with relatively affordable and convenient flights to nearby countries. Popular destinations include Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia.
- A day trip to **Shenzhen** (Mainland China) is made easy with direct connections across the border via the Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau ports. Visa requirements vary by nationality, with some passport holders eligible for visa-free entry or visa-on-arrival arrangements.
- **Macau SAR**, known as the "Las Vegas of Asia", is also on your doorstep, taking about one-hour on the ferry.

SETTLING IN

- City University provides all incoming exchange students with accommodation at its Whitehead Student Hostel, located in the New Territories region.
- Local amenities include multiple beaches which are available to the public 24/7, and "Double Cove", a small mall connected to the nearest train station, with convenience stores, restaurants and even a Starbucks.
- For your other shopping needs, MOSTown and Ma On Shan Plaza malls are just one MTR stop away.
- Your nearest train station is Wu Kai Sha, about 5-minutes' walk away. From there, the University is nine stops away, taking just under half an hour to reach.
- CityU's main entrance is conveniently accessible via "Festival Walk" mall, offering plenty of shops, restaurants and entertainment to enjoy between classes.

DISCOVER HONG KONG!

- Ride the **Peak Tram** up to the iconic **Victoria Peak** for breathtaking panoramic views, worth doing more than once at different times of the day!
- Take the **Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car** up the mountains of Lantau Island to see Hong Kong's famous "**Big Buddha**" up close!
- **Hong Kong Disneyland** is a delight for any Disney fan. Small in size but abundant in charm!
- Visit **Happy Valley Racecourse**, where horse racing, food and entertainment come together beneath Hong Kong's iconic skyline. A uniquely Hong Kong experience, happening most Wednesdays!
- **Lan Kwai Fong** is the heart of Hong Kong's nightlife, packed with bars, clubs and restaurants. Note that the MTR stops running from roughly 1-6am, so be prepared to go all-out or take a taxi home!

