



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Enjoy Your Experience @ HKUST



Welcome and congratulations on your choice of HKUST!

Have you made up your mind yet as how you'd like to enjoy your study and living on our campus as an international student? The following statements may help you to think through what you want and expect to get for your experience at HKUST. Check whether you "agree" or "disagree" to each statement.

1. I am interested in making new friends.
2. I do not have stereotypes or assumptions about people of a different race or ethnic group.
3. I am sensitive to others' needs and expectations.
4. Culture learning and multicultural experience are my purposes of coming to HKUST.
5. I want to bring diverse perspectives as international students to the classroom and the campus community of HKUST.
6. I am accepting to other people's behaviors, values and beliefs that are different from my own.
7. I want to be in contact with the local culture, and to learn about the values and traditions of local people.
8. I always think about my use of expressions when talking to others from a different background than my own.

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YOUR SCORE

You get one score for each statement that you agree to. Add up the scores for your total score. The higher total score you get, the more likely that you will enjoy and benefit from your HKUST experience as an international student.



Learning a Different Culture on Campus

It takes time and effort to learn a new culture and adjust to it. For exchange students who are staying at HKUST for a semester, despite the short time span, you are also encouraged to learn as much as you can about the Hong Kong and Chinese culture. We believe that through learning a different culture, you will learn other ways to think and behave, which will enhance your adaptive strengths and flexibility.

Participation is the best way for learning a new culture. Get yourself involved in the classroom, the student hall and the campus community to enrich and enhance your experience!



Adjustment to a Different Culture in Student Hall



A student hall is where you get direct experience of a different culture. The HKUST students are energetic, like to organize and engage in various activities, and stay up late. Most of them are friendly but some may be shy with foreigners. The experience of living together with local as well as other international students can be exciting and rewarding. However, you may experience difficult situations on some occasions too, as misunderstandings and conflicts may occur among the hall residents over noise, unwelcomed visitors etc. Don't worry, you can handle your adjustment to hall life culture well if you could:

- **show respect for the others**
- **be considerate and sensible**
- **be open-minded**
- **avoid labeling the others as unfriendly or discriminating**

UST Campus Life Culture

- Pursuit for Excellence
- Preservation of Integrity
- Pledge to Self-Discipline
- Participation in Campus Life

