



APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program (January to August 2021)
Program Details – Academic Courses
(updated 18 November 2020)

Academic Course Offering & Taking Universities

There are 25 universities participating in upcoming semester from January to August 2021:

Universities 25	Offer Courses 19	Open Course-taking Opportunities for Their Students 23
Chulalongkorn University	Yes	Yes
Harbin Institute of Technology	No	Yes
Keio University	Yes	No
Korea University	Yes	Yes
Monash University	TBD	Yes
Nagoya University	Yes	Yes
Nanjing University	Yes	Yes
Nanyang Technological University	Yes	Yes
Osaka University	Yes	Yes
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Yes	Yes
Tecnológico de Monterrey	Yes	Yes
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Yes	Yes
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Yes	Yes
Tohoku University	Yes	Yes
Universidad de Chile	Yes	Yes
Universidad de los Andes	No	Yes
Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Yes	Yes
Universitas Indonesia	No	Yes
University of California, Los Angeles	No	Yes
University of Oregon	Yes	Yes
University of Science and Technology of China	Yes	Yes
University of Sydney	Yes	Yes
UNSW Sydney	Yes	Yes
Yonsei University	Yes	Yes
Zhejiang University	TBD	No

The most updated information will be updated on vse.apru.org.

Courses

As of November 18, we have collected 44 courses from 8 universities. If your university is offering courses, but still in the process of collecting course information from your faculties and departments, please complete the course list template that was sent to you earlier and return it to jonasto@cuhk.edu.hk as soon as possible so we could begin promoting your courses. For universities that have set their application deadlines in December 2020 and early January 2021, we would be grateful if you can send the course list by late November 2020.

Each university should offer no more than 10 courses and 70 places for VSE students in total. We also ask you to reserve at least 5 spaces for VSE students in each course. Each VSE student could take one course within a VSE semester. Request for taking one additional course can be entertained if approved by students' home university and the course offering universities.

You may access the latest version of the general course list at [this link](#). The password to access the file is "aprvse1h2021". The online version is not editable. To save a copy to your computer, please go to File>Save As>Download a copy. The file will be continuously updated as new course information comes in. Regular reminders will be sent by emails will be sent to inform you when there are updates.

Please consider the following after you have received the general course list:

For universities offering courses:

1. Confirm if your university would open your courses to students from all universities sending students or restrict your courses to students from your approved universities only.

For universities sending students:

1. Confirm if you would allow your students to take courses from all universities offering courses or restrict your students to take courses from your approved universities only.
2. For universities sending students] Distribute the list to your faculties and departments to seek approval for credit transferability, if needed.

By default, we will assume your university would impose no restrictions on incoming or outgoing mobility. Please contact jonasto@cuhk.edu.hk as soon as possible if otherwise and we will implement your restrictions in the application system accordingly.

Credits, Transcripts & Credit Transfer

All courses, unless indicated otherwise, will bear academic credit provided by the course offering university. Upon successful completion of the course, a formal transcript should be issued and sent to the student's home university by the course offering university. Please contact jonasto@cuhk.edu.hk as soon as possible if your university is unable to provide credits or transcripts for your courses.

Deadlines and Dates

As the semester starting date for each participating university varies, we have grouped the participating universities according to your indicated “deadline for VSE applications to reach your office for students to be registered before classes begin at your university” in the survey sent to you earlier. This would simplify the application workflow for both students and the VSE Central Office.

Please refer to the below table for the groupings as determined by the VSE Central Office. Applicants must submit their applications through the online application system by the stated **Application Deadlines** for each Group. Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to the VSE Central Office (apru.vse@cuhk.edu.hk) by the **Endorsement Deadlines** for each group. The VSE Central Office will then process the applications and endorsements, then send the information to the course offering universities before the deadlines indicated in the survey. Please refer to the **Application Process** section below for more details. Please contact jonasto@cuhk.edu.hk as soon as possible if you wish to make alternative arrangements.

Group 1A

Students must submit online applications before:

[December 3, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to VSE Central Office before:

[December 4, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Course Offering University	Teaching Start Date
Oregon	Jan 4 2021

Group 1B

Students must submit online applications before:

[December 9, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to VSE Central Office before:

[December 10, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Course Offering University	Teaching Start Date
CUHK	Jan 11 2021

Group 2

Students must submit online applications before:

[December 21, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to VSE Central Office before:

[December 22, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Course Offering University	Teaching Start Date
Chula	Jan 11 2021
Nanjing	Mar 1 2021
NTU	Jan 10 2021
SJTU	Feb 22 2021
UChile	Mar 15 2021
USFQ	Jan 18 2021
UNSW	Feb 15 2021
Yonsei	Mar 2 2021

Group 3

Students must submit online applications before:

[January 11, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to VSE Central Office before:

[January 12, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Course Offering University	Teaching Start Date
Tec de Monterrey	Feb 8 2021
HKUST	Feb 1 2021
Tohoku	Apr 1 2021
USTC	Mar 1 2021
USyd	Feb 22 2021

Group 4

Students must submit online applications before:

[February 24, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Home universities must submit the list of endorsed students to VSE Central Office before:

[February 25, 2020 12:00nn Hong Kong Time \(UTC+8\)](#)

Course Offering University	Teaching Start Date
Keio	Early April 2021
KoreaU	Mar 2 2021
Nagoya	Apr 12 2021
Osaka	Apr 1 2021

Application Process

The application process will remain mostly the same as the previous semester, except the endorsement process will be simplified. Home universities will now submit a list of endorsed students to the VSE Central Office. Please refer to the [VSE website](#) for the application process presented to the applicants.

1. The website and course application system will be launched very soon. **Kindly dispatch the information to all your students ASAP!** Please find attached a sample publicity piece you can use and amend to suit your needs.
2. When your students submit an application on the online system, they will be asked to contact the VSE Coordinator in your office for an endorsement. Please complete the list of endorsed students ([download here](#)) and return it to the Central Office before the deadlines for each Group of universities as indicated on the VSE website. Applications MUST be endorsed by the home university before they would be processed by the VSE Central Office. Each student can take one course. Request for more than one course will be reviewed and the request will be sent to you.
3. We will send the applications together with the student transcripts to the course offering university for approval.
4. Once approved, we will inform your students and the VSE Coordinator in your office.
5. The course offering university will contact your students for formal registration and your students will start the course.

English Language Proficiency Requirements and Prerequisites

Course offering universities may impose English language proficiency requirements for admission, and prerequisites for individual courses. The requirements could be found in each university's course list page on the [VSE website](#). Before endorsing your students' VSE applications, please make sure they meet the requirements otherwise their applications may be rejected by the course offering university.

VSE Coordinator at Your University

The VSE Coordinator will be the main contact for VSE-related matters at your university at the student level. The Coordinator's contact will be shared on the [VSE website](#). Your students will write to this contact for endorsement on their VSE applications, while students from other universities will contact the coordinator for course enquiries. Please refer to the below for the list of VSE Coordinators at each participating university based on the information we have. Please contact jonasto@cuhk.edu.hk if you wish to make any changes.

Universities	VSE Coordinator
Chula	Academic Exchange Coordinator (Inbound), Office of International Affairs and Global Network, cuexchange.inbound@gmail.com ; Academic Exchange Coordinator (Outbound), Office of International Affairs and Global Network, cuexchange.outbound@gmail.com
HIT	Zoe Cai, caiz@hit.edu.cn
Keio	International Exchange Services Group, ic-apru@adst.keio.ac.jp
KoreaU	Seung Hyun Yang, s_hyun@korea.ac.kr
Monash	Craig Wallace, craig.wallace@monash.edu
Nagoya	Miho Yamamoto, International Affairs Division, intl_conf@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp
Nanjing	Wenjie Shen, stuex@nju.edu.cn
NTU	Pauline Ho, paulineho@ntu.edu.sg
Osaka	International Affairs Division, Department of International Affairs, kokusai-koryu-suisin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp
SJTU	Lina Tao, nalitao0504@sjtu.edu.cn
Tec de Monterrey	María Isabel de la Fuente Monroy, marisadelafuente@tec.mx
CUHK	Alex Chau, alexchaukw@cuhk.edu.hk
HKUST	Office of Global Learning, study.abroad@ust.hk
Tohoku	Tohoku University Student Exchange Division, studyab@grp.tohoku.ac.jp
UChile	Student Mobility Program, International Relations Office, pme@u.uchile.cl
UniAndes	Carolina Miralles, oiانetworks@uniandes.edu.co
USFQ	Veronica Castelo, vcastelo@usfq.edu.ec
UI	Alyssa Ankadea, ui-apru@ui.ac.id
UCLA	Kathryn Paul, kpaul@international.ucla.edu
Oregon	Jenn Kuan, exchange@uoregon.edu
USTC	Su Lin, sulin@ustc.edu.cn
USyd	Luika Bankson, luika.bankson@sydney.edu.au
UNSW	UNSW Outbound Short Programs, advisor4gloaled@unsw.edu.au
Yonsei	Gyuri Jeong, protocol@yonsei.ac.kr
Zhejiang	Jiayi Quan, quanjiayi@zju.edu.cn

Virtual Exchange Balances

The Association-wide virtual exchange balance of universities participating in the VSE program in the current semester (August 2020 to February 2021) will be calculated towards the end of the semester in early 2021. The numbers could act as a reference for you to adjust how many students you wish to endorse to take courses from other universities, and how many students you wish to accept to your courses.

Formal Agreements

A simple Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted for participating members to sign with APRU if such a document is required. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the MOU.

Co-curricular Programs

Co-curricular programs are offered year-round by any APRU members that wishes to utilize the VSE platform to offer their online events. Co-curricular programs can be in the areas of cultural immersion, global leadership, career planning, social community engagement, or any other formats that promote cross-cultural interactions. Please refer to the [co-curricular programs page](#) for our current and past programs. If your university is interested to contribute, please contact Ms. Alice Leong at hyleong@cuhk.edu.hk with the program details.

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