



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

APRU Virtual Student Exchange Pilot Program

APRU Senior International Leaders' Meeting

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Background

- COVID-19 caused huge disruptions to travel & int'l education & exchanges
- Accelerated adoption of digital technology in HE
- Opportunity to work together to create opportunities for int'l exchange for students
- CUHK developed Virtual Student Exchange (VSE) program within APRU network to provide immersive virtual exchange experience to students
- CUHK serve as Central Office to manage program
- Pilot launched in second half of 2020

Components of VSE program

Academic Courses




- Online undergraduate courses
- Synchronous, asynchronous, & hybrid course delivery
- Credit & non-credit bearing
- Open to APRU members which have agreed to participate/'send' students
- Students pay normal tuition & fees to home university
- Reciprocity is consortium-wide
- Home university to manage credit transfers, academic load, etc.
- Selection of students by course offering university/teacher

Co-curricular Programs




- One-off or series of online events
- Free & open to all
- Non-credit bearing
- No imbalances
- Topics/areas:
 - Cultural immersion
 - Global leadership
 - Career planning
 - Social community engagement

VSE official website & application system

The Voice of Knowledge & Innovation

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APRU Virtual Student Exchange Program

A Truly International Education Experience


Universities have adopted technology into its teaching to enhance learning experience for students. Now, more than ever, digital technology is utilized to support international education. The Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), a network of 55 leading universities in the Americas, Asia and Australasia, brings to its students an exclusive opportunity to **connect** with peers from **around the world** to learn new **knowledge** and **skills**, exchange **ideas** and **cultures**, and develop connections vital for **success** in the 21st Century.

The APRU Virtual Student Exchange (VSE) Program, led by The Chinese University of Hong Kong, makes international education accessible by allowing students to take **academic courses** and participate in **co-curricular programs** without the need to leave home. It opens up international education for all students by providing an immersive virtual student exchange experience through digital technologies and platforms and creating encounters with new ideas, cultures, experts, academics and students from **around the world**.




Academic courses from 11 universities from 8 destinations on 3 continents

Explore diverse academic interests
Earn credits from another university




Learn from & engage with peers & experts around the world

Reach out to a global community of students & educators




Leadership, cultural, careers & international community programs

Cultivate cross cultural skills & awareness
Equip for future workplace
Develop digital competencies



Embark on an international exchange experience without leaving home

No additional tuition fee needed besides regular tuition fee to home university



APRU Virtual Student Exchange - Academic Course Application Form
(Commencement in August/September 2020)

Please refer to the [Academics](#) and [Application](#) sections on the VSE Program website for the full VSE course list and application procedures.

1Personal Details

2Course Selection

3Transcript Upload

4Review Your Entry

Name (as shown on passport) *

FirstLast

Email Address *

Home University *

Student ID Number *

Current Major *

Current Year of Study *

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Academic courses

13 participating unis from
10 economies

78 academic courses from
11 course offering unis

409 applications from
11 unis sending students

APRU member	Offered courses	Allowed students to take courses
Chulalongkorn University	✓	✓
Keio University	✓#	✓
Korea University	✓	
Osaka University	✓#	✓
Tec de Monterrey	✓	
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	✓	✓
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	✓*	✓
Tohoku University	✓*	✓
Universidad de Chile	✓	✓
Universidad San Francisco de Quito	✓	✓
University of Oregon	✓	✓
UNSW Sydney		✓
Xi'an Jiaotong University		✓

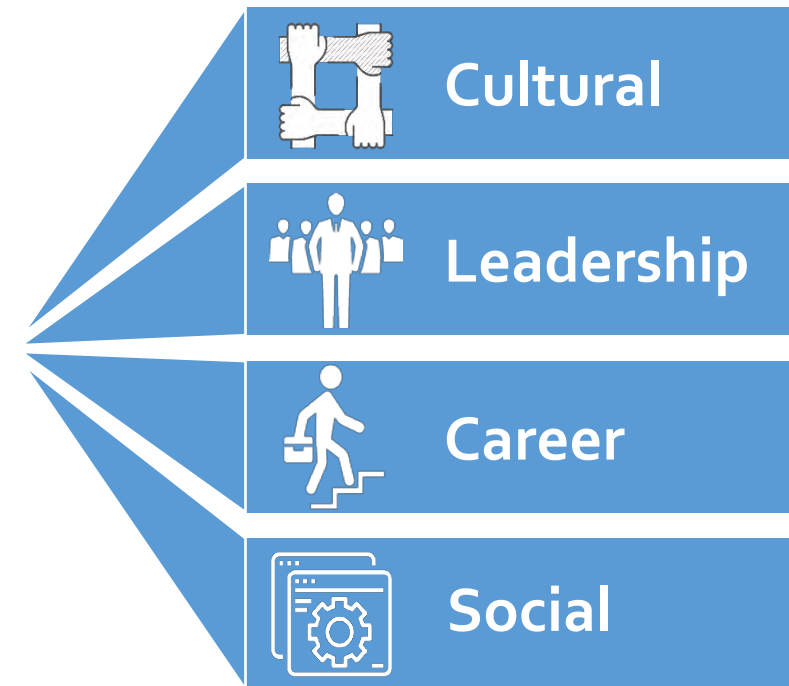
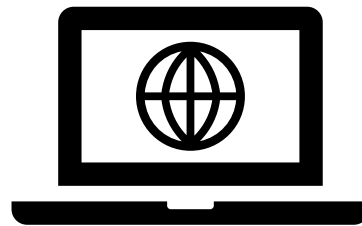
Data as of October 5, 2020

#Non-credit bearing courses *Not open to all participating members

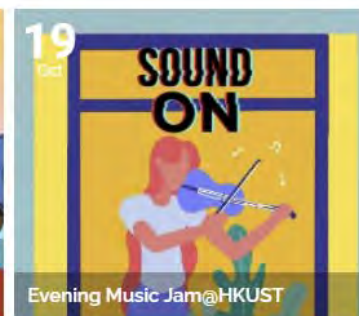
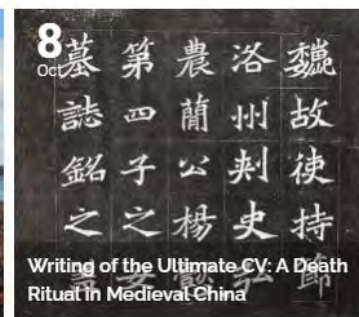
Co-curricular Programs

- One-off or a series of short activities
- Discussions, tours, talks, workshops & networking activities organized by experts, faculty, local figures & students

15 programs offered by
4 universities



Co-curricular Programs



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LATITUDE ZERO TALKS:

Explore Galápagos

Join USFQ scholars and educators to gain a deeper understanding of the Galápagos Islands and Ecuadorian culture while exploring what sustainable development looks like in one of the most unique ecosystems on earth.

Date	Latitude Zero Talk	GMT-5 Chicago Time	GMT+9 Tokyo Time
Sept/4/2020	"Overfishing and the Galápagos Marine Reserve" by Alex Hearn	12:00 pm and 8:00 pm	Sept/5 10:00 am
Sept/18/2020	"State of Water in Ecuador from the Amazon to Galápagos" by Valeria Ochoa	12:00 pm and 8:00 pm	Sept/19 10:00 am
Oct/2/2020	"Galápagos. The Human Dimension" by Diego Quiroga	12:00 pm and 8:00 pm	Oct/3 10:00 am

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Moving forward to next semester

- Streamline academic course application process
- Implement English language proficiency requirements
- Enhance promotions to students
- Prepare & engage students throughout VSE journey
- Explore resources
- MOUs

Timeline for next semester

- Semester start dates in 1H 2021: Jan to April 2021

Week of 5 Oct 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- APRU SIL & VSE Core Group meetings & feedbacks- Contact current participating universities to commence preparation on courses
Mid Oct 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reporting at APRU Steering Committee- Send invitation all APRU members- Collect information on term dates, application deadlines, courses and quota
By mid Nov 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- First batch of course information ready on VSE website- Publicity materials to participating universities for internal promotions
By late Nov 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application for 1H 2021 opens

All are welcome to participate!
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Thank You