

. Evaluation – Student Exchange Programme (2025/26 Spring / Full Year Outgoing)

Welcome back to HKBU! We hope your semester abroad was educational, enlightening and enjoyable. We invite you to take a few minutes to complete this evaluation and provide your feedback. Your feedback is important for us to make continuous improvement to the Student Exchange Programme to benefit future participants. If you have any questions, please email the International Office at exchange@hkbu.edu.hk. Thank you.

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Q1. Last Name/ Surname

Q2. Given Name

Q3. HKBU Student ID

Q4. Academic Major

BA History

Q5. Exchange Period

- ☐ Semester 1, 2025/26
☒ Semester 2, 2025/26
☐ Full Academic Year, 2025/26

Q6. Host Institution

Host Institution

Freie Universität Berlin

City

Berlin

Country

Germany

Q7. Do you agree if other HKBU students contact you regarding your exchange experience? If “yes”, please provide your contact email address (other than your HKBU email address).

Q8. How would you rate your overall exchange experience?

	Very Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Neutral (3)	Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)
How would you rate your overall exchange experience?	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q9. Overall, participating in the Student Exchange Programme at the host institution has enriched my educational experience by fulfilling my aspiration to gain exposure, foster better appreciation of inclusivity and deepen my domain knowledge.

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree
Overall, participating in the Student Exchange Programme at the host institution has enriched my educational experience by fulfilling my aspiration to gain exposure, foster better appreciation of inclusivity and deepen my domain knowledge. How would you rate your overall exchange experience?	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Q10. Would you recommend the Student Exchange Programme to your fellow students?

	Yes(3)	Maybe(2)	No(1)
Would you recommend the Student Exchange Programme to your fellow students?	☒	☐	☐

Q11. Do you agree that the exchange experience has increased your personal and professional growth, in particular in the following aspects?

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Self-confidence to be independent	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to adapt to new situations and tackle problems	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Global and intercultural outlook	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cultural knowledge (understanding of difference cultures)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Building global networks	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Career prospects and life ambitions	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Interest in global issues	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Academic curiosity and diverse academic interests	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
A life-changing experience	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q12. Do you agree that the exchange experience has increased your experience, in particular in the following aspects?

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
You immersed yourself in the host country's culture	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
You stepped out of your comfort zone and realized your potential	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
You enhanced your cross-cultural communication skills	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
You improved your foreign language skills	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Q13. Were you satisfied with the following aspects of your academic experience at the host institution?

	Very Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Neutral (3)	Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)
Interactions with faculty members	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Quality of course instructions / content	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Interactions with students in the classroom (e.g. class discussions, group projects)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rigor and intellectual quality of the academic work (e.g. assignments, projects, exams)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Academic Experience	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q14. Do you agree that the following aspects in your host institution are different from HKBU?

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Workload (in terms of coursework, reading assignment, mid-term, project works, examination)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Assessment/Grading system	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality and attitude of fellow students	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality of your lecturers	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q15. What did you find most interesting or valuable about your academic experience at the host institution? (i.e., unique courses, teaching styles)

Workload is relatively low compared with HKBU All the students are interactive and fully participate in the class

Q16. Please list the courses you took during the exchange along with the units of credit/ECTS for each course. (Please provide Course names and/or codes **and** Units of Credits/ECTS) If a course does not apply, please indicate 'N/A'.

Course 1	China's foreign policy under Xi Jinping 5 Ects
Course 2	Readings Berlin 5 Ects
Course 3	Cold War in Global East Asia 7 Ects
Course 4	Preparatory German Language Program: Elementary Level 6 Ects
Course 5	Territorial Politics and Inequality 3 Ects
Course 6	NA
Course 7	NA
Course 8	Na

Q17. Was the assessment/grading more difficult or easier than HKBU?

	Very Easy (5)	Easy (4)	Neutral (3)	Difficult (2)	Very Difficult (1)
Was the assessment/grading more difficult or easier than HKBU?	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Q18. How was the workload different from HKBU in terms of coursework, reading assignment, mid-term, project works, examination, etc?

Only few course have a mid term. Professor will give exam question for us to study. All the courses have presentations

Q19. Do you have any suggestions to future participants regarding subject selection/enrollment?

Maybe u can try to enroll courses from different field if u are not worried about Major Credit transfer

Q20. How satisfied were you with the following aspects of the programme at the host institution?

	Very Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Neutral (3)	Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)
Support from Host Institution	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Living Arrangement	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Food on Campus	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Buddy Programme	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Campus Facilities	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Extra-curricular Activities	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Quality of above Aspects	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Q21. What type of living arrangements did you have?

☐ On-campus accommodation

☒ Off-campus accomodation

☐ Homestay

☐ Others (please elaborate)

Q22. Do you have any additional comments/suggestions on any of the above aspects?

Living in the student dorm is cheap and you can make so many friends but it is bit...dirty and the Hausmeister is bit rude to international students. It depends.

Q23. What was your most rewarding experience abroad? [You may check (✓) more than one box.]

☒ Widened my social circles

☐ Improved my career prospects

☒ Gained new insights

☒ Developed my global and intercultural outlook

☐ Improved my analytical and critical thinking skills

☒ Gained self-confidence to be independent

☒ Enhanced my interpersonal communication skills

☐ Improved my foreign language skills

☐ Others (please elaborate)

Q24. What was the most challenging part of your experience abroad? [You may check (✓) more than one box.]

☐ Managing academic expectations

☐ Overcoming the language barrier

☐ Coping with cultural differences

☒ Feeling of being homesick

☐ Making friends is difficult

☐ Managing finances

☐ Safety and security issues in the exchange destination

☐ Others (please elaborate)

Q25. What is your best advice for fellow students who are planning to participate in the Student Exchange Programme?

I think it is not that expensive to just living there if u can cook and make your own food. It will be so nice to travel around Europe!

Q26. How much did you spend on the following items?

Medical Check-up (if required for admissions and/or visa application) (HK\$)

~800

Insurance (e.g. travel, health, accidents) (HK\$)

7600

Return Airfare (e.g. to host institution and return) (HK\$)

4000

Q27. What were some of the living expenses?

☒ One Semester

☐ One Academic Year

Q28. How much did you spend on the following items?

Housing (HK\$)

3000 per month

Meals (HK\$)

~1000

Local Transportation (HK\$)

0

Utilities, Laundry, and Internet (HK\$)

100

Personal Spending (e.g. entertainment, etc) (HK\$)

>30000

Other Fees (please specify and include amount) (HK\$)

0

Q29. Please let us know the process for student visa application

Visa Application Fee (HK\$)

~800

Processing Time

For me just 1 day. It is crazy

Q30. Were there other immigration procedures to follow up with the local authority upon arrival in your host country?

☒ Yes (please elaborate briefly)

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☐ No

Q31. Did you encounter any difficulties throughout the entire visa application process? What advice would you give to future participants?

No

Q32. Reflecting on your experience at the host institution, could you share some of the most memorable moments, and elaborate on what you took out most from this exchange? You might consider one or more of the following aspects:

- Cultural immersion and global connections
- Acquisition of knowledge
- Fostering an open mindset and diverse thinking
- Critical and creative thinking
- Multilingual and communication skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Inspiration to be a global citizen

Your insights will help us understand the impact of the programme on your personal and academic growth.

Multilingual and communication skills Met an incredible variety of people from all over the world, transforming the exchange into a highly social and collaborative experience. It is a valuable time to hear and talk to people from all around the world. It helps me to know more about the culture, value and overall situation of other countries