

Welcome to the Hong Kong Summer Program – 2014 Edition!



Welcome to the program! I am Professor Karin Carter, and will be directing the Hong Kong program in 2014. We expect that you are starting to get excited about what promises to be a wonderful summer in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

We have put together some information that I hope will answer most of your remaining questions. If I have left anything out, please just call me at 408-655-7999 (cell), or email me anytime at kccarter@scu.edu. I will be arriving in Hong Kong by Saturday, 7 June. In Hong Kong I will stay at the Traders Hotel in the Western District near the University of Hong Kong. You can best reach me via email in Hong Kong (kccarter@scu.edu) but if you need to call, you can also try and reach me at the hotel 852-2974-1234. I will also let you know my local Hong Kong phone number when it is available.

I will depart from Hong Kong on Saturday, June 13, after the course concludes. For those of you staying on in Asia for internships, I will be in touch with you by email throughout the summer, and you can also Skype to call me on cell phone, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at any time. Now, read on



Preliminary Information about Classes



HKU Centennial Campus

Attached to this newsletter you will also find a TENTATIVE Schedule of Classes. As you will note, we kick off with a mandatory 2-hour Orientation on 9 June, from 9-11 am. At orientation, we will chat over breakfast, get to know each other, have an orientation to Hong Kong, and acquaint ourselves with the program components and the Hong Kong University campus. We will also provide you with additional Hong Kong contact information at the Orientation.



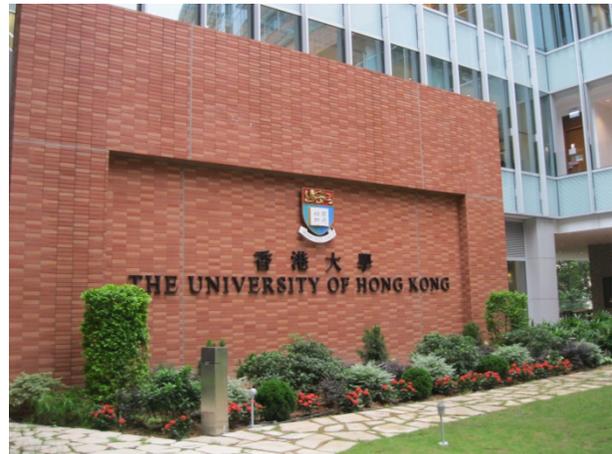
All classes will be held in the Room A0824, 8/F of Cheng Yu Tung Tower. Classes typically start at 9:00 am and run until about 1:30 every afternoon; there are no classes on Saturdays and Sundays. One day during this week, we will visit the High Court, where we may have a slightly different schedule.

A laptop computer is **highly recommended**, since many program materials will be available in electronic format only and will include some powerpoints and other files. Also, we encourage you to write the Hong Kong portion of exam on a computer. We will try to send you a pdf file with any course readings a few days before the start of the program. We will also have a hard copy of any paper copy readings available for you on the first day of classes.

Internships

If you are staying on in Hong Kong for an internship (or arriving there after another course component of one of our programs), I suggest reading about business etiquette in Hong Kong. Please make sure to attend or view the internship orientation that we plan to conduct in mid-April. If you are on the Santa Clara campus, you may attend in person. A video version will also be available after the session.

Over the summer, you will have some internship reports to complete and email to me, which is required by the ABA, and so that you are eligible to receive academic credit for the experience. I'll be your Santa Clara faculty supervisor for purposes of your internship, and you will be sending me reports of your activity over the summer while you are interning at your particular placement, so please be mindful of the reporting deadlines that you will receive. Of course, any time you have any questions about your summer internship, please feel free to contact me.



Traveling Light, What to Pack

Everyone who has gone to Hong Kong has emphasized on their return that it is critical that you pack light, and do not bring more than you can carry yourself all at once. There are many stairs and hills in Hong Kong. Getting from the airport is easiest if you have bags that roll, and which you can handle easily by yourself.

Packing light should not be difficult - Hong Kong is very hot and humid, so bring light-weight shorts, trousers and/or skirts and t-shirts made of cotton. Buildings are usually *very well* air conditioned to counteract the heat, so also bring a fleece or light jacket to carry with you (especially for class, where it can be quite chilly). It also rains a lot, so don't bring shoes that will get ruined, but do bring comfortable shoes, because there are a lot of hills and you will do a lot of walking. A word on comfortable shoes – a pair of bedroom slippers to wear around your room, and flip-flops for the beach would be a great, light addition to your baggage.



Even if you are NOT staying on for the internship, please bring at least one set of business clothes for the High Court visit and the cocktail reception. A jacket that mixes/matches with your trousers or skirts will be perfect. For students staying for an internship, you should bring at least one formal suit in addition to other work clothes suitable for an office environment. Your internship will likely be in a conservative office environment and you

don't want to stand out, especially when attending court with your supervising attorney. A dark suit is suggested for court visits.

Again, bringing your laptop computer is highly recommended. Some of the internship placements will require one, and you may also want it for taking notes in class. Your

accommodations may or may not have an internet terminal, so you will need a laptop so that we can stay in touch by email to some extent during both the course and the internship period.

Finally, make sure you bring an umbrella and/or rain jacket. If you are going to be hiking, it is a good idea to carry a mosquito repellent and Benadryl cream if you are sensitive to mosquito bites.

Getting from the Airport to Hong Kong Island

Once you get to Hong Kong, you will find transportation in Hong Kong to be easy and efficient. However, remember you are in a different county- the system will need some “getting used to.” Your first experience will be getting from the Chek Lap Kok International Airport on Lantau Island to your hotel (which we are assuming is on Hong Kong Island).



Upon arrival at Hong Kong's relatively new airport, you will have two options of getting to Hong Kong Island: a taxi cab or the train. First option: a cab all the way to your hotel will be expensive, but if you are traveling with someone or have more luggage than you can carry yourself (not recommended!) then a cab may be the way to go. A second option: a train plus taxi cab alternative is much more feasible. As you leave customs, you will see the Airport Express train. An Airport Express train and taxi combination will be the most convenient way to get to your hotel. But that requires that you remain mobile which, in turn, means packing light. The train will take you from the airport to Central which is downtown Hong Kong Island. At that point you can then catch a cab to take you to your hotel.

When traveling by cab, we suggest you carry a printout of the location of the hotel; the hotel website should give you a Chinese character translation of the hotel name, and the address. It will be helpful to have this in hand, just in





case the cab driver can't figure out where you want to go.

A cheaper and more scenic alternative to the Airport Express-Taxi (described above) is to take a bus into town. A third option is to take a bus to the nearby Tung Chung MTR stop and MTR it into Central. Tung Chung is the small town south of the airport. The MTR isn't too luggage-friendly as there are no racks like there are on the Airport Express, plus it could get rather crowded and hard to keep track of your luggage. I'd recommend the option of the Airport Express-Taxi route.

You can find further information about the airport and transportation from the airport at <http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/index.html>. Check out the links at this site to the Terminal Map/Level 5 Arrivals to orient yourself to immigration/customs and transportation facilities.

We have found it convenient to change money before taking the Airport Express. You will find a currency converter counter right after you pass immigration/customs. We have also found it convenient to rent a cellular phone at the airport ... although, you may find cheaper alternatives in town yourselves.

Getting from your Hotel to the Hong Kong University Campus

The orientation and all classes will be held on the main campus of the Hong Kong University, in the Cheng Yu Tung Tower. For some great maps of the Hong Kong University main campus, check out <http://www.maps.hku.hk/#>. The Cheng Yu Tung Tower is the western most building on the University Map. This is building, part of the Centennial Campus, was just completed for the University's centennial in 2011; this new facility is an excellent location and it is very exciting to have classes there this summer. In the attached map, it is the westernmost building in yellow; it is the one with the "pin" in it just above where it says "Centennial Garden."

The main thing to remember about finding your way around the University Campus is that because of the steep hillside topography, the campus is laid out on several levels. The campus maps are color coded to show you which level all the buildings are on.

Getting from Traders Hotel (located near



the top of the map at Hill Road and Queen's Road West) to the Centennial Campus requires walk a couple of blocks to a long series of escalators that start in the vicinity of the hotel. To get to the escalators from Traders Hotel – as you exit the doors of the hotel, turn left. At the end of a couple of blocks, turn left again. You should see the escalators at the end of this small street. If not ... ask around, and you will definitely be directed to the escalators to Hong Kong University. You can also walk up a steep hill (named Hill Road, oddly enough, and walk along Pok Fu Lam to the entrance to the west end of campus) or take a cab (a short ride, but don't forget that this is rush hour, and you may not be able to find a cab!).

In any case, wear comfortable shoes, and give yourself enough time on the first day to get to the orientation at 9:00 am. The escalators take around 10 minutes, but you will also have a short walk to the escalators and a walk from the end of the escalators to the Cheng Yu Tung Tower (about 20 minutes total, if you know where you are going—allow more time for your first visit). In short, give yourself plenty of time to get to the 10/F of the Cheng Yu Tung Tower by 9:00 am on Monday, June 9th. I will make the walk myself on Sunday afternoon, June 8th, to try it out, and you are encouraged to join me so that I can show you the way.



If you stay somewhere besides the Western District for the week of class, I strongly encourage you to make a practice run of getting to campus; then add in time to account for rush hour, so you know how long the commute will take. It is considered disrespectful to be late to class or for your internship.

Money & Credit Cards

The legal tender in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar (HKD), which is pegged to the US dollar at a rate of about 7.80 HKD to 1 USD, although exchange rates may fluctuate slightly.

Make sure to tell your bank that you will be traveling overseas before you depart. You probably don't need to get Hong Kong Dollars before you leave the U.S.; you can readily get enough at the HK Airport to get you into town from the HK Airport, and then you get a better exchange rate by using ATMs in Hong Kong than other methods. There are banks and ATMs galore in Hong Kong, so getting cash should not be a problem. Most places take credit cards, except for street markets and small restaurants, so you will need some cash from time to time.

Your lodging will likely want an up-front deposit of a large portion or all of your anticipated stay, so be prepared to pay that in advance. A credit card is usually sufficient, though some places may ask for a wire transfer.

Health & Safety

Make sure you pack medication, both prescription and over-the-counter. You will be able to purchase many over-the-counter items, but it could be difficult to fill your medical prescriptions. If you wear glasses, have a copy of your prescription in case you lose or break your glasses.

You are covered under a Santa Clara University ACE travel insurance policy. I will hand out insurance cards to you at Orientation, but you can always find this information online at <http://law.scu.edu/international/summer-abroad-updates.cfm>.

Drinking Water

The general advice is to avoid tap water for drinking. Drinking water, including major imported brands, is readily available from supermarkets and convenience stores.

Safety

Hong Kong is very safe by day and night, and people spend time outside at all hours. Police officers frequently patrol many areas and are both professional and helpful. Nonetheless, it would be unwise to let your guard drop completely anywhere in the world. Good advice is to watch your pockets and belongings, especially while in crowded areas.

Emergency

Emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) - call 999

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Santa Clara will enroll you – all our summer abroad registrants, in the US State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), which will provide you information in the event of an emergency or disaster.

<https://step.state.gov/step/>



Your Contact Info

It is imperative that you inform us of any changes in your contact information, keep us apprised of where you are traveling, and how to get in touch with you or a contact person in the event of an emergency. We will discuss this further at the Orientation on June 9.

Electricity

The standard electrical voltage in Hong Kong is 220 volts AC, 50Hz. Most hotel bathrooms also have outlets for 100 volts, but if not, you will need a transformer for any appliance or electrical equipment. The majority of electrical outlets in Hong Kong take a three-pronged UK-style plug. You can buy an inexpensive adaptor for your electrical equipment at most convenience stores.

Free Time

Holidays

Most shops and restaurants in major tourist areas will remain open during public holidays. Most private law offices and all government offices are closed on public holidays.

Holiday	Date in 2014	Day of the Week
Tuen Ng Festival (you'll be in Shanghai for this) (observed in PRC & HK)	2 June	Monday
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day (HK only – all offices will be closed)	1 July	Tuesday

Things to Do (what everyone will ask you whether you've done THESE after you tell them you've been to Hong Kong):

- Visit Victoria Peak, take the Peak tram
- Watch the light show on the harbour
- Hike on Lamma Island
- Take a day trip by ferry to Macau
- Take a harbour cruise, or at least take the Star Ferry across the harbour
- Visit Lantau Island and the Giant Buddha, take the cable car
- Shop at a street market, such as Stanley Market, the Night Market, or Ladies Market
- Go to Happy Valley for the horse races
- Get a tailor-made suit
- Take a stroll in Victoria Park
- Shop, shop, shop until you drop!



Websites to Check Out

Start reading the [South China Morning Post](http://www.scmp.com/frontpage/international) to get a feel for Hong Kong now!

<http://www.scmp.com/frontpage/international>

For more things to do and general tourist advice:

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/us/index.jsp>

I look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong in June. Happy travels!

(Map of portion HKU campus on next page. Class Schedule follows campus map)