

SFM Exchange Programme

Applying for 2027-2028

Exchange options

- HKU Worldwide Exchange
- Faculty of Social Sciences Exchange
- SFM Exchange





Goals

- **Fulfill Global Citizenship**
- Take courses unavailable at HKU
  - Journalism/Communications
  - Courses for second major
- Feed your curiosity
- Have fun!

SFM Exchange partners

UNC HUSSMAN SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MEDIA

DANISH SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

Universidad de Navarra

SciencesPo

SFM Exchange Quotas

Host University	Quota (per semester)
UNC – Chapel Hill	2
DMJX	2 to 3
Sciences Po	1 to 2*
Navarra	2

Eligibility for SFM exchange

- Full-time BJ/BJMAI student (no minors)
- Have completed core first-year BJ/BJMAI courses
    - BJ: JMSC1001, JMSC1003, JMSC1011, JMSC1012
    - BJMAI: JMSC1001, JMSC1002, JMSC1020, JMSC1021
- CGPA > 3.0*



Eligibility for SFM exchange

- SFM exchange only offered for Year 3+ study.
- For Year 2 exchange, use FoSS exchange or HKUWW.
- **Placement is not guaranteed; up to host university.**



Application process

2026	Nov/Dec	Call for applications
2027	Mid-Jan	SFM exchange interviews (after 1st sem. results)
	Late Jan	SFM exchange application results
	Feb-Mar	Receipt of offer package
	Late Mar	Submit 1st sem. exchange online form to host university
	Apr-May	Receipt of admissions package from host; apply for visa
	May-Jul	Submit leave of absence & credit transfer form to Faculty
	Sept	Submit 2nd sem. exchange form to host university

Credit transfer

- Recommended to transfer 12 HKU credits to fulfill Global Citizenship requirement
  - Any advanced-level course at host university can be used to fulfill GC
- Courses should be pre-approved by relevant department
  - Use mainland university exchange to fulfill second major courses and/or GC
  - Core courses (JMSC2001, JMSC2002, JMSC2003, JMSC2021) must be taken at HKU
  - Recommend to take journalism and communication courses not available at SFM
- Check credit transfer ratio table to confirm conversion

Credit conversion (SFM partners)

Host University	Conversion Ratio (Host U: HKU)
UNC – Chapel Hill	1 : 2
DMJX	1 : 1
Sciences Po	1 : 1
Navarra	1 : 1

Credit Conversion

1. Use conversion ratio to calculate HKU- equivalent credits

2. Match HKU-equivalent credits to actual credits transferred from exchange partner institution

For more info, check out:
https://bit.ly/3tSddPY

Actual credits transferred from exchange partner institution per semester/year	Total conversion credits to satisfy HKU 6-credit accumulation structure
More than 5.00 but fewer than 8.75 HKU credits	6 HKU credits
More than 8.75 credits but fewer than 14.75 credits	12 HKU credits
More than 14.75 credits but fewer than 20.75 credits	18 HKU credits
More than 20.75 credits but fewer than 26.75 credits	24 HKU credits
More than 26.75 credits but fewer than 32.75 credits	30 HKU credits
More than 32.75 credits but fewer than 38.75 credits	36 HKU credits
More than 38.75 credits but fewer than 44.75 credits	42 HKU credits
More than 44.75 credits but fewer than 50.75 credits	48 HKU credits
More than 50.75 credits but fewer than 56.75 credits	54 HKU credits
More than 56.75 credits but fewer than 62.75 credits	60 HKU credits
More than 62.75 credits but fewer than 68.75 credits	66 HKU credits
More than 68.75 credits	72 HKU credits

Credit conversion (Scenario 1)

Free elective -> Global Citizenship -> Minor's disciplinary elective -> Major's disciplinary elective

Courses taken at Host U	Aim of Fulfillment	Credits (Host U)	HKU-equivalent credits	Adjusted Credits
Course 1	Major's disciplinary elective	5	5	5
Course 2	Major's disciplinary elective	5	5	5
Course 3	Free Elective	5	5	4
Course 4	Free Elective	5	5	4
	Total no. of credits:	20	20	18

Credit conversion (Scenario 2)

Free elective -> Global Citizenship -> Minor's disciplinary elective -> Major's disciplinary elective

Courses taken at Host U	Aim of Fulfillment	Credits (Host U)	HKU-equivalent credits	Adjusted Credits
Course 1	Major's disciplinary elective	9	8	8
Course 2	Major's disciplinary elective	9	8	8
Course 3	Major's disciplinary elective	9	8	8
Course 4	Global Citizenship	9	8	9
Course 5	Global Citizenship	9	8	9
	Total no. of credits:	45	40	42