Tips for applying credit transfer

Students are required to transfer 12 HKU credits from their exchange for fulfilling the GC requirement.

1. Please check the credit transfer ratio table from the Faculty of Social Sciences homepage: https://www.socsc.hku.hk/students/ug/pdf/exchange/CreditConversionTable.pdf
2. Read carefully the outgoing exchange guidelines on the Faculty website: https://www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc/exchange/#faculty-level-exchange-out
3. Submit your credit transfer application before your departure: www.socsc.hku.hk/oes/app

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The total number of credits for a semester or year of exchange study must only in multiples of 6 credits even though transfer credits awarded for individual courses need not follow the standard 6-credit HKU course requirement. The credit adjustment (downward or upward) in the Faculty of Social Sciences is on the following course priority under normal circumstances:

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

Actual credits transferred from exchange partner institution per semester/year	Total conversion credits to satisfy the 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*

**** 72 is the maximum credits conversion allowed under the Senate's Credit Accumulation and Transfer Policy***

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Scenario 1

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**

Scenario 2

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**

More scenarios can be found here:
https://www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Important-Notes-for-Outgoing-Exchange-Students.pdf

REMARKS:

- ***IF YOU ARE GOING TO CHINA FOR AN EXCHANGE, PLEASE DO NOT CHOOSE ANY JOURNALISM COURSES FOR CREDIT TRANSFER***

- ***PLEASE TAKE ALL THE CORE COURSES IN HKU***