

HONG KONG OVERVIEW

Students from all locations are encouraged to consider studying abroad at SCAD Hong Kong. Located in the heart of Asia, the city of Hong Kong boasts a diverse cultural landscape heavily influenced by its Chinese and European past. Students enjoy apartment-style living quarters at Hong Kong Gold Coast Residences, and classes are held in the historic North Kowloon Magistracy Building. Here, SCAD offers the area's largest concentration of art and design degree programs in the Sham Shui Po district.

CRITERIA FORM CAMPUS CHANGE

In adherence with the policies stated in the SCAD catalog, considerations for travel from SCAD Savannah or SCAD Atlanta to SCAD Hong Kong locations may be limited to students who are in good standing with the university. Additionally, a GPA of 2.6 or higher, class standing and seat availability in courses may be considered as factors for approval to change location. Students must complete the change of location process in its entirety for approval, and have course selection sign-off from their student success or graduate adviser via the "Advising Confirmation and Location Transfer Form". Those who do not complete all required aspects of the application will not be considered as active applicants.

HOUSING

University housing at Hong Kong Gold Coast Residences is limited and assigned upon successful completion of the transfer deposit and visa process, including supporting documentation and adherence to the draft due dates. Students who do not wish to live at Gold Coast Residences should make their own arrangements and be prepared to list a valid Hong Kong address on visa paperwork. Applications without an address will not be approved by immigration. In some cases, proof of dwelling will be required.

Note regarding home campus housing: While you are at an alternate campus, you will be required to move out of housing in Savannah or Atlanta and will not be permitted to move back in until the designated move-in dates for the next quarter. This is in accordance with Residence Life policy. Please contact savreslife@scad.edu or atlreslife@scad.edu with any questions.

HONG KONG VISA INFORMATION

Various supporting documents are needed to complete the visa paperwork, which SCAD submits on students' behalf. Although SCAD provides thorough visa assistance, the university cannot guarantee the issuance of visas, as this will be determined by the Hong Kong Immigration Department. SCAD will not submit visas that do not meet the criteria as outlined by Hong Kong immigration.

TRANSFER DEPOSIT

The transfer deposit fee of US\$875 is required of all committed program participants; this fee will be applied to the charges on said students' bill for the term of study. Students should not pay the transfer deposit until the final visa is due, as indicated in their acceptance letter. Payment instructions will be provided upon acceptance of the students' visa draft.

TRAVEL

Each program participant can arrange his or her own flight to and from Hong Kong or have SCAD handle such travel arrangements. Students should plan to book travel after official acceptance into the program. Students who book travel through SCAD will receive a minimum charge of US\$1,600. Travel policies are explained in detail in the post-acceptance materials. SCAD travel arrangements must be submitted before the deadline as indicated.

TIMELINE

Process opens through MySCAD Monday, September 18

Round 1

Applications Due Wednesday, October 18

Acceptance Notification Wednesday, October 25

Supporting Document Day Wednesday, November 29

The complete package of original hard copies of supporting documents must be turned in on this day to the Study Abroad office.

Round 2

Applications Due Wednesday, December 6

Acceptance Notification Wednesday, December 13

Supporting Document Day Wednesday, January 3

The complete package of original hard copies of supporting documents must be turned in on this day to the Study Abroad office. Students who do not meet this deadline will be ineligible for a campus change in the Spring 2018 quarter and may apply again for a subsequent quarter.

Spring 2018 Course Registration Monday, February 12 – Friday, February 23

Students are responsible for registering for the classes on the SCAD Hong Kong campus that they have selected with their adviser and are advised to register at the earliest possible time. Failure to obtain seats in the appropriate classes may result in an unsuccessful campus change.

Undergraduate students must have 3 on-ground courses and graduate students must have at least 2 on-ground courses for visa eligibility.

Pre-departure Orientation (required) Friday, TBA

Post acceptance Materials due in MySCAD Friday, February 16

Check-in to Gold Coast Residences Thursday, March 22

Hong Kong Orientation (required) Friday, March 23

Spring 2018 quarter classes start Monday, March 26

Spring 2018 quarter classes end Tuesday, June 5