Applying for student exchange

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Get to know your exchange officers

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Should you apply for exchange?

• If you are not sure whether you should apply, please consider the following:
  – Do I know what to expect during exchange?
  – Can my family support me financially?
  – Can I cope with studying in a foreign university?
  – Will I be okay with living by myself?
  – Will exchange interfere with my graduation plan?
  – Will exchange interfere with my minor degree study?

Discuss with your family
What do you know about exchange?

• How many different types of exchange programs at PolyU?
• Can you name some foreign destinations?
• Which institutes are you most interested in?
• Where is the departmental webpage on exchange?
• Can you transfer credits back to PolyU?
  – Yes.
• Can you transfer GPA’s back?
  – No.
Overview of exchange programs

• Overseas exchange
  – Institution-level
    • Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Korea, Singapore, USA, ...
    • Open to all PolyU undergrads
  – Departmental-level
    • Japan
    • Open to CBS students only

• Exchange to Mainland China and Taiwan
  • Open to all PolyU undergrads
Eligibility

• Minimum GPA requirement
  – If your average GPA is below 2.7, you will need to get prior approval from the programme leader

• Usually non-final year exchange
  – If you don’t plan very well, there is a chance that you might need to defer the graduation from PolyU.
  – When you apply, you will be asked to sign a form which acknowledges that you are aware of the consequences.

In fact, this possibility exists for everyone.
Credit transfer (I)

• Where do the credits go?
  – Study the curriculum pathways in your programme DPD
    • Transferred credits need to belong to a certain block on the pathway.
    • Transferred credits may contribute to either your major programme or your minor programme.

BACBS

Approved by the minor programme
Credit transfer (II)

• Two types of credit transfer
  – Subject-to-subject transfer
    • Any course that can be considered as equivalent to a PolyU subject
    • Approved by subject teacher
  – Block transfer
    • NO equivalent subjects in PolyU. Just transfer the credits back.
    • For transfer to BACBS, courses in the broad areas of language, communication and culture would qualify
      – Approved by CBS exchange officers
    • For transfer to a minor programme, contact the minor programme leader for approval

Useful for compulsory subjects
Application procedure of IAO exchange

• Application forms due Oct 24
  – Have you downloaded and looked at the application form?

• You MUST meet with CBS exchange officers and get signature on the form
  – Sign up for a meeting appointment on Oct 20 or Oct 22 asap.
Meeting with Ex. Officer

• Come to your appointment on time
  – Each time slot is only **5 min.** If you are late, you might miss your appointment and there is no chance to reschedule except for special cases.
  – Please bring a **completed and signed** application form together with your CV and transcript.
  – Be prepared to answer questions about your exchange plan.
More details of application eligibility, procedure and credit transfer

• Please visit http://www.cbs.polyu.edu.hk/yaoyao/exchange.html
  – Who can apply?
  – What are the existing programmes?
  – How to apply for credit transfer?
  – Fees, expenses and financial aids
  – Contact people
Questions?

• Thank you!