

# Center for Global Education (CGE)

HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES



## HONG KONG

### EXCURSIONS

The Hong Kong program is not a “study abroad program” in the traditional sense. While there will not be excursions throughout the semester designed specifically for HWS students, there will be a multi-day orientation for arriving students. A wide range of activities and tours will be included where you will get to know fellow students, learn a bit of the local language, and become familiar with the campus. There will be some excursions to allow students to explore Hong Kong. For the fall students, the cultural orientation will be followed by an academic orientation for new students (international and Chinese nationals alike) about the university itself. For spring students, you will go right into classes but the international orientation staff will make sure you know what you need to know to start classes. The university also offers a “buddy program” that matches new incoming exchange students with Lingnan University students, to help newly arrived students settle in and make the transition to life in Hong Kong. Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities to immerse themselves in campus life and the local culture, including student clubs and organizations, athletic programs and sporting events and the President’s breakfasts with students. A full-service travel agency adjacent to campus can facilitate independent travel to mainland China and throughout Asia.



Student Activity Centre, Lingnan University



Hong Kong Island

### GOING ABROAD WITH THE CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and fees and a \$550 administrative fee. This will cover tuition for a four-course semester and an orientation program. No room or board charge is included: students will pay dorm fees directly to Lingnan University and should plan to bring their board fee to cover meal expenses throughout the program. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at \$1200-\$1400 from the East Coast, room fees at approximately \$1500, meals at \$1900—\$2000 and books at \$225. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of \$1500 above and beyond meal expenses. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- This program is offered every semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office on selected dates in October (for Fall programs) and March (for Spring programs). For specific dates contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information.

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## ABOUT HONG KONG

The Lingnan University campus is located in Tuen Mun, a new town in the North-west of the New Territories. Schools, a vocational training institute, hospitals, hotels, sports facilities, beach parks, gardens and shopping arcades can be found in town. There are excellent transportation networks between Tuen Mun and other areas of Hong Kong. It takes only 10 minutes from Lingnan to the Tuen Mun Town Centre, and 40 minutes to the central districts of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon Peninsula. With a population of over 7 million people, Hong Kong is one of Asia's most diverse and cosmopolitan cities.



Main Academic Building, Lingnan University

## THE PROGRAM

HWS offers an exchange program at Lingnan, a university that seeks to provide its students with a quality education distinguished by the best liberal arts traditions from both East and West. It adopts a whole-person approach to education, teaching students to think, judge, care and act responsibly in the constantly changing circumstances of life in Hong Kong, the region and the world. The university is officially “bilingual” with the majority of classes offered in English to both its international and Chinese students. The Lingnan student body comprises approximately 4,500 students—half undergraduates and half Master’s students. International students have many clubs and activities from which to choose and they can enjoy the amenities offered in Hong Kong, a dynamic city where English is widely spoken. Information about the program can be found at: <http://www.ln.edu.hk/omip/>. A student handbook for incoming exchange students can be found at: <http://www.ln.edu.hk/omip/download/#incoming>

## COURSES

Students who participate in this program can select courses from a variety of disciplines (see Academic Focus below.) The standard course load at Lingnan is four courses. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, classes are taught in English. Course descriptions can be found at: [http://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/course\\_descriptions.php](http://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/course_descriptions.php)

## ACADEMIC FOCUS

Due to the wide range of courses offered at Lingnan University, this program can accommodate students from a variety of disciplines except the sciences. The university offers courses in economics, IR, politics, cultural studies, history, media and film, art history, philosophy, sociology, psychology and Asian studies (including Chinese language).

## ELIGIBILITY

This program is open to all juniors and seniors (second semester sophomores may be considered in exceptional cases) in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Exchange opportunities depend on the availability of slots at the host institution. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.



Lingnan Residence Halls

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Students live in residence halls on campus in double rooms with wireless internet access. Restrooms and showers are shared by all the floor occupants. Other facilities include a common lounge, a pantry on each floor, a game room, a committee room, a television room and a laundry area.

There is a student canteen and a full-service Chinese restaurant on campus where students can buy meals. The student canteen serves fast food, snacks, and set meals, with both Chinese and Western cuisine.