

# ASIA

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## Where can you go?

### Hong Kong



- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology (Management)
- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Engineering)
- University of Hong Kong

### Taiwan

National University of Taiwan,  
College of Management



### Republic of Korea



- Korea University
- Seoul National University, College of Business Administration (Management)
- Yonsei University

### Thailand

Chulalongkorn University  
(Management)



### China



- Peking University, Guanghua School of Management
- Shanghai Jiao Tong, College of Economics and Management
- University of Nottingham, Ningbo Campus
- Renmin University
- Tsinghua University
- Fudan University (Management, Law)
- Xiamen University (Management)

### Japan



- Hitotsubashi University
- Keio University
- Kwansei Gakuin University
- Kyoto University
- Sophia University
- Tokyo University
- Waseda University

## Semester Dates: When would you go?

Korea  
Semester 1: Mar - June  
Semester 2: Sept - Dec

Hong Kong, Thailand:  
Semester 1: Aug - Dec  
Semester 2: Jan - May

Japan  
Semester 1: Apr - Jul  
Semester 2: Oct - Feb

China, Taiwan  
Semester 1: Sept - Jan  
Semester 2: Feb - June



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# Things to Consider

<p><b><u>Language of Instruction</u></b></p> <p><b>Hong Kong:</b> For the most part, English is the primary language of instruction at our partner institutions in Hong Kong; however, not all courses are in English (each partner places a certain emphasis on offering courses taught in Chinese).</p> <p><b>Proof of English Proficiency</b> McGill students are exempt from having to prove English Proficiency as part of their exchange application.</p>	<p><b>China, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Taiwan, Thailand</b> Classes are taught primarily in the official language of the country the partner institution is located in. However, each partner – to varying degrees – provides students with the opportunity to study in English. Please note that this does not necessarily mean that a partner’s course offerings will be suitable for you and your program requirements at McGill. If you are interested in going on exchange to a school in any of the above countries (especially if you aren’t proficient in the language commonly used in that country), it is imperative that you consult the host’s course catalogue!</p> <p><b>Proving Language Proficiency</b> Demonstrating proficiency in a language other than English could come in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of intermediate (or advanced) level-studies of the language in a college setting.</li><li>• Graduation from a secondary or post-secondary institution where classes were taught primarily in the requested language.</li><li>• A letter from a McGill professor capable of assessing your level of proficiency in the relevant language.</li></ul> <p><i>(Note: Individual institutions may have additional requirements)</i></p>
<p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>What to prepare</b></li><li>✓ <b>App Process</b></li><li>✓ <b>Before you go</b></li></ul>	<p><b>The Host Application: Asia</b> I’ve accepted my nomination to a partner school located in this region; are there any supporting documents that I should prepare well in advance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A Valid Passport</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most exchange partners in this region will request a scanned copy of your passport <i>before</i> reviewing your application. Your passport <b>must</b> be valid for at least six months after your scheduled return. If your passport is expiring soon, think about renewing it.</li></ul></li><li>• <i>Reference Letter</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many of our Asian exchange partners will ask that you submit one or more letters of reference (from a McGill professor). Asking a professor to write a reference letter for you can be daunting, so start thinking about who you might ask!</li></ul></li><li>• <i>A Medical Examination (sometimes with specific requirements)</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A common application item from schools in this region is that the student provide a recent medical certificate, signed by a physician. Fulfilling the requirements found on these certificates – especially if you are an international student at McGill and/or do not have access to a family doctor in Montreal – can be tricky (and expensive). Some schools require that the student provide recent chest x-ray photos. Do not expect that you will be able to get this certificate signed by the McGill Exchange Office or Health Clinic.</li></ul></li><li>• <i>Bank Statements/Financial Documents</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partner schools will often ask that applicants provide evidence that they will be able to support themselves financially throughout their stay.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>I’ve been accepted, what must I do before departure?</b> <b><i>Apply for any relevant immigration documents.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For countries in this region, your citizenship can greatly impact whether or not you will need to apply for a study permit and/or what type of study permit you should be applying for.</li><li>• If you are unsure about whether you will require immigration documents to study in Asia, contact the host institution and/or Embassy/Consulate of the country that you will be travelling to.</li></ul> <p><b><i>Make sure that you have the appropriate health and travel insurance</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your host school will advise you on this matter after you’ve been accepted.</li></ul>