

United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Summer Programme at the University of Sydney, Australia
 ([The University of Sydney](https://www.usyd.edu.au/))

Programme Features:

This 3-week summer course is organised by the University of Sydney, Australia, for the students of the College. The main theme and objectives of the programme are as below:



Theme: “Oceans, Coasts and Climate Change”

**Course Introduction:**

This multidisciplinary unit introduces the interplay between oceans, coasts, climate change, and sustainability. It covers geological, physical, and chemical processes shaping ocean basins, their impact on global climate, and the development of marine ecosystems like coral reefs. Using historical geological records, the unit addresses contemporary climate challenges such as sea-level rise, ocean warming, and acidification, emphasizing sustainability in coastal and ocean management. The course combines theoretical lectures with GIS-based practical sessions, problem-based projects, and a field trip to observe coastal processes firsthand.

Duration: 21 June – 13 July 2025 (Tentative)

Fees: **HK\$31,500*** per student. This will cover round-trip airfare, lectures and excursions arranged by the University and accommodation. Fees such as meals, local transport, visa application and students’ daily expenses are not included.

Accommodation: All students will be staying at student hostel.

Eligibility: United College students from all disciplines and years are eligible to apply.

Quota: 30 students

Scholarships: Upon satisfactory completion of all the programme requirements, students will be eligible for consideration of the United College GOAL Scholarships supported by the College Endowment Fund. The maximum amount per student is HK\$11,000.

Credit Transfer: Upon satisfactory completion of the course requirements, students may apply for exemption from the College compulsory General Education Course, GEUC4011 "Senior Seminar." Please note that this exemption is **ONLY** applicable to GEUC4011 and is subject to the College’s approval.

Programme Requirements / Assessment:

All participants are required to:

- attend all the pre-departure lectures, briefings, meetings organised by the College to prepare themselves for the summer Programme;
- attend all the lectures, seminars, presentation and compulsory excursions organised by the University of Sydney, Australia;
- complete all the assignments (quizzes, written reports, etc.);
- assist the College in promoting cultural exchange activities;
- share their experiences in Australia with other students;
- Complete the post-trip questionnaire and submit a written report to the College after the Programme. The College reserves the right to edit the report for publication purposes.



Application & Deadline: Please apply on-line [here](https://www.usyd.edu.au/uc-goals/) . The deadline for application is 14 January 2025 (14:00). Late applications will not be considered.

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* Conversion Rate: AUD1: HK\$4.80 (for reference only). Exact programme fees and schedule will be confirmed later.