HKUST is introducing two new entry routes and a pioneering program for the 2013 intake. Both the entry routes and program are specially designed for Science and Business students who are in pursuit of particular goals.

In addition to the original four School-based choices, applicants will have two additional entry routes: International Science Research Enrichment - ISRE (JS5011), and Global Business - GBUS (JS5013)

We basically adopt School-based admission, therefore, students will enter a Major program offered by the School, or an interdisciplinary program after 2 or 4 terms. Students in JS5001 and JS5003 may apply to join ISRE or GBUS subsequently.

**ISRE (JS5011) – for the research mind!**

The International Science Research Enrichment (ISRE) program is tailored for students particularly interested in pursuing a research career in science.

It builds on the premise that exposure to an international research environment at an early stage is an important ingredient for the success of a research career.

**ISRE and Science**
- Applicants may apply for the ISRE program directly.
- Students will have a free choice of Science Majors.
- There will be places for students from the Science (JS5001) pool to switch to ISRE after their 1st year of study.

**GBUS (JS5013) – for the passionate global mind!**

HKUST’s BBA in Global Business is the first of its kind and a highly sought after business program. Understanding that students with a passionate global mindset are keen to join the GBUS program directly, we now provide an additional entry route for this group of students.

The GBUS curriculum equips students with a core set of business knowledge within the global context.

**Co-curricular Learning**
- Academic knowledge aside, the program offers many experience based co-curricular learning opportunities to develop students’ global mindset, critical thinking skills, entrepreneurial spirit, and leadership skills through mentoring and enrichment activities.
School-based Admission and Academic Advising

HKUST encourages students to explore their interests and identify their strengths before making the important choice of a Major. The aim of School-based admission is to provide students with the flexibility to dabble in different disciplines, discover their aptitudes before deciding on their program. We have a strong academic advising team in each School to help students choose the right courses and craft their path.

At the admission stage, applicants only need to select the School they wish to join. Students in general will enter their Major(s) after 2 or 4 terms. The number of Major places will be flexible and will be far more than the headcount.
New Program

World Bachelor in Business – An Exceptional Undergraduate Experience
http://wbb.ust.hk

Receiving three degrees from three world-class universities across three continents

This is no longer a wild thought.

The first undergraduate partnership of its kind, the World Bachelor in Business (WBB) is jointly offered by HKUST (Hong Kong), University of Southern California (USA), and Bocconi University (Italy).

With the concerted efforts of three great universities, WBB is an exciting program designed to engage intellectually curious students in a unique business curriculum that connects leading edge teaching methods with cultural immersion and real world experiences.

45 students will be recruited from around the globe. They will learn, explore, and experience life together in the first three years.

Year 1 at USC, in Los Angeles
Year 2 at HKUST
Year 3 at Bocconi, in Milan
Year 4 at one of the above, at student’s choice

What WBB looks for

The WBB partner schools are looking for students with strong academic credentials and a keen awareness of the role of cross-cultural thinking in the business world of the 21st century.

But, perhaps most importantly, the ideal candidate should view the prospect of changing countries each year as an exciting challenge that multiplies the opportunities for academic achievement and personal growth.

What to prepare for application submission:
• High school transcripts from Grade 9-11
• SAT/ACT results
• TOEFL results
• Activity Summary
• Personal Statement
• Academic Reference Letter

Application Deadline: 1 December 2012

Ready to take on the challenge and explore the world? Check out http://wbb.ust.hk for further details.

JUPAS applicants interested in WBB may apply to the program directly on https://admission.ust.hk in addition to their JUPAS application.

Scholarships

About 11%, i.e. over 400 Year-1 students, were awarded HKUST scholarships for this year (2012-13).

In 2011-2012, HKUST awarded over 1,400 scholarships and prizes to around 1,000 undergraduate students (new and continuing). This represents an offer rate of 16% of our students. The total amount of scholarships awarded exceeds $41 million.

To be qualified for a scholarship in subsequent years, students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of A- or above.
A More Balanced Gender Distribution

Compared to last year, this year’s intake shows a more balanced gender distribution. We welcome more ladies to join our WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) community.

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Connect with our e-Buddies

http://saprogram.ust.hk/ebuddy.html

Browsing websites, flipping through brochures… there may still be many questions that students want to ask. Our e-Buddy Scheme connects prospective students with current students who are keen to share their own experiences here at HKUST.

Check out the chat board below, with some of the questions our e-Buddies have been asked. It may help answer some of your students’ questions. For more questions, simply ask students to write to our e-Buddies. (*The following is adapted from answers from e-Buddies in response to questions raised.*)

**Why is UST a better choice compared to other universities?**

*Mandeep*

Personally, I chose UST for its teaching faculty, top ranking across Asia, research opportunities, great exchange program and IB scholarship.

UST is more international than other universities. My year has a nice international population and we always get loads of students going on exchange.

And with just one campus, it’s easier to run into people you know.

**How should I prepare for the interview?**

*Ray*

First, know the latest important events and issues happening around the world. Second, please do not worry about or prepare model answers. The key is always be prepared, natural and confident. You have to show that you can think on your feet.

My experience of being interviewed is that the interviewers look for future leaders who always have their own perspective on an issue, not a “yes-man” or “I-don’t-know-man”.

**What are the professors like?**

*Anthea*

Professors here are young, energetic and passionate. They are nice. You can e-mail them or go to their office whenever you need help. Do take the initiative. They are in fact more willing to share with me than I thought.

**Is it easy to apply for a dorm?**

*Bev*

All new students are guaranteed a hall place for a term. After that, the allocation of hall places depends on how far you live from HKUST, your participation in extra-curricular activities, community service and hall life, and also your academic performance… But you do have to remember to lodge your application.

e-Buddies can be reached at: http://saprogram.ust.hk/ebuddy.html