

Dear Students,

Thank you very much for visiting this website and giving us your precious opinions on hall admission. In order to help you to understand the situation of halls better, we would like to provide some background information below.

Shortage of Hall Places

In its calculation of the number of hall places in each institution, the UGC has the following criteria:

- a) Local undergraduates have one year of hall residence.
- b) All non-local undergraduates and exchange students are accommodated in a hall for the whole period of their study.
- c) All research postgraduates are accommodated for the whole period of their study.

It should be pointed out that the above criteria are for calculating hall places. Institutions are given the autonomy to decide their own rules and scheme of allocating the hall places.

The table below shows the estimated shortfall of hall places. In coming up with these figures, we a) adopt the UGC guidelines above, b) assume that 10% of local research postgraduates also need a residential place, c) take into consideration of all the residential places (halls, Graduate House, on-campus non-hall housing, and off-campus housing), and d) assume that we shall have 1,800 places (1,000 postgraduates and 800 undergraduates) at Lung Wah Street in 2011.

	2006/7	2012/3	2015/6
Undergraduates	807	587	1151
Postgraduates	392	230	1198

Admission and Readmission

Admission Schemes

There are currently two systems for hall admission and re-admission. The Joint Hall Admission Scheme (JHAS) applies to the nine halls which are

already in existence before 2005. Each hall reserves at least 10% of its places for non-local undergraduates and up to 2% for postgraduate students. Places for local undergraduates are divided into need quota (70%) and warden's discretionary quota (30%). Places in the need quota are allocated according to the candidates' traveling time and home living conditions, while those in the discretionary quota are assigned on the basis of a set of criteria as deemed fit by the Warden (e.g., contribution to hall life). After their first year, students in these halls have to apply for re-admission (i.e., continuation of their residence) every year. However, there is no restriction on the number of students who are allowed to continue. In the current admissions systems

For the three halls in Jockey Club Student Village II, the admission and re-admission follow the following priority:

- a) Non-local undergraduate students (both regular and exchange) who would like to stay in hall, with limits on the number of non-local students in each residence, so that this number does not exceed 50% of the undergraduate places.
- b) First year[#] local undergraduate students who would like to stay in hall. [# This refers to the first year of a programme, although during the transitional period this may also refer to first year hall residents; it may also refer to new students entering HKU, for special reasons, in the second or subsequent year of a programme.]
- c) A score computed on the basis of distance away from home and living conditions (same as the need score in JHAS) and possibly together with interview performance to prioritize their application.
- d) Admission of some senior students without prior hall experience should be considered.
- e) To help in the development of an appropriate culture for the new intake, a number of local students should be allowed to stay on for the subsequent year. However, where we cannot accommodate ALL of those students in a) and b) above, a restriction on this number would have to be made.
- f) For RPG students, priority should be given to newly arrived non-local students.

Point System for Computing the Need Score

The point system reflects students' needs in the following categories:

Category	Maximum Point
Traveling time	15 (about 1 point for every 7-8 minutes)
Home environment	10 (both type of housing and average area per person taken into account)

Exceptional need , on such pounds as physical or psychological problems	25
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As it is fixed that 70% of the hall places for local students are assigned to need students, the cutoff score may change from year to year. Besides, the traveling time for one point has decreased gradually in the last few years due to improvements in the public transportation system. There is therefore a view that the need is in fact relative rather than absolute. Some staff and students have argued for defining absolute need.

Admission and Readmission Criteria

The Committee on Halls has adopted the following criteria for in Round I Admission:

Criteria for Re-admission of Current Residents

Residents applying for **re-admission** will be considered on the basis of whether they:

1. have genuinely and fully utilized the hall place,
2. have consistently observed hall rules and regulations (including attending High Table Dinners and Talks),
3. have behaved respectfully and responsibly,
4. have been co-operative and considerate in sharing common facilities,
5. have taken part in and supported hall (and floor, if applicable) activities,
6. have paid all the fees on time,
7. need to spend an onerous amount of time to travel to the University and/or live in difficult environment, and
8. have any exceptional needs, on such grounds of physical or psychological.

Criteria for Admission of Current Students Who are not Current Hall Residents

Current students applying for admission in Round I will be considered on the basis of whether they:

1. will genuinely and fully utilize the hall place,

2. will consistently observe hall rules and regulations (including attending High Table Dinners and Talks),
3. will behave respectfully and responsibly,
4. will co-operative and considerate in sharing common facilities,
5. will take part in and support hall (and floor, if applicable) activities,
6. need to spend an onerous amount of time to travel to the University and/or live in difficult environment, and
7. have any exceptional needs, on such grounds of physical or psychological.

University's Subsidy for Hall Places

The University is providing rather substantial subsidy for hall places in terms of staffing costs for wardens, tutors and administrative staff, and general expenses, and cyclical building maintenance.

Thank you very much.

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