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The Program

• Extensive study trips
• Energy and environmental science
• Many English-taught courses

Nepal

Kathmandu is Nepal’s capital and has been a center of Hindu and Buddhist religious activity for over 2,500 years. The world-renowned Kathmandu Valley, known as the “North Face of the Himalayas,” is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is also known for its rich cultural heritage through its architecture, arts, music, and dance.

The Program

• Spectacular campus vistas
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The Program

• Homestay or dormitory option
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HONG KONG

Located on the southern coast of China, Hong Kong has a population of seven million and is one of Asia’s most vibrant and exciting cities. It is one of the world’s largest financial centers and a major economic and political force. With almost fourteen million inhabitants, it has also quickly emerged as a cultural site, with many museums, restaurants, theaters, festivals, and art exhibitions. The Program

• English-taught courses
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Program Highlights • English-taught courses • Spectacular campus vistas • World-class sports facilities

University of Hong Kong

www.hku.hk/

Founded in 1910, the University of Hong Kong is the city’s oldest tertiary education institution. Ranked among the top twenty-five universities in the world and first in Asia, HKU is a public institution with a multinational student body of over 25,000. As an English institution, HKU offers courses in the humanities as well as natural and social sciences. The program is suitable for undergraduates, especially those concentrating in the humanities and social sciences. Participants reside in university housing in an urban setting.

Program Highlights
• Urban campus located centrally in the city
• Homestay or dormitory option
• Large, beautiful campus in Tokyo

Tokyo

Japan is situated on an archipelago of over 3,000 islands and has a population of 132 million. Known as one of the world’s leading global economies, it is a leader in scientific research and technology. A contemporary culture permeates the city that is not only the seat of the emperor, but also one of the world’s largest and most influential cities. The Program

• Program activities and service

Program Highlights
• Conveniently located in central Tokyo
• Large, modern university and small classes

Waseda University

www.waseda.jp/

Established in 1922, the Waseda University School of Business (WBS) is one of the world’s most prestigious business schools. Located in Shinjuku, WBS offers a wide range of English-taught courses, including economics, finance, global business, information management, and marketing. Students also attend orientation programs, housing, insurance, and available. Students reside in international student dormitories on campus.

Program Highlights
• Optional early start program in December for language preparation

Seoul National University

www.snu.ac.kr

Established in 1945, Seoul National University (SNU) is South Korea’s leading educational and research institution. Situated in the city’s northwest region, SNU is the country’s second largest university, with a population of about 40,000 students. SNU offers a wide range of academic programs in the humanities and social sciences, and is considered one of the world’s “Great Eight.”

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Ateneo de Manila University

www.cbs.edu.np/

Located in the BC program is Bodhanath, a thirty-minute drive from Kathmandu and one of the most famous Buddhist pilgrimage sites. The city is also home to the remains of 13th-century monasteries of its ancestors and temples and citysquare.

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The Program

- English-taught courses
- Intensive Chinese language training
- Extensive study trips

Study abroad programs in Asia

Tokyo

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The Program

- Intensive Chinese language training

Japan

Japan is a land of samurai, geishas, temples, and is home to the world's most advanced technology. It is a country of contrasts, where ancient traditions and modern technology coexist. The climate is temperate, with hot summers and cold winters.

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**Program Highlights**
- Conveniences located in central Tokyo
- Lots of opportunities for small and large classes

Waseda University

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**Program Highlights**
- An intensive Korean language program is offered
- International studies, and Asian studies

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- Wide variety of student clubs and activities
- Optional early start program in December for language preparation

The Philippines

The Philippines is comprised of over 7,000 islands and is the 12th largest country in the world. It is a major tourist destination, with over 27 million tourists visiting each year.

**Program Highlights**
- Participation in a month-long local service project
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The Program

BC students take courses at several National University of Singapore programs. Founded in 1947, NUS is home to the largest student body in Singapore, with over 50,000 students. The University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs.

**Program Highlights**
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Korean National University of Ethics and Finance

The program offers a wide range of courses in areas such as business administration, law, development, and economics. Following the academic program, students partake in a month-long local service project. Students live in apartments or dormitories.

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- Wide variety of student clubs and activities
- World-class facilities