

Schedule 1

3-week Immersion Programme for the Hong Kong Metropolitan University

25th May – 13th June 2025

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Hong Kong Metropolitan University

IMMERSION PROGRAMME – MAY/JUNE 2025

COURSE PROPOSAL

1. Introduction

We are delighted to submit this course outline for an Immersion Programme for the students of **Hong Kong Metropolitan University**, to take place in May and June 2025.

Planning for the programme is led by:

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- Assistant Professor Penny Mosavian, Director of Studies

The course will be personalised in accordance with your individual requirements as a valued client and will principally focus, as in previous years, on developing the language skills and inter-cultural understanding of your students.

Whilst we have provided indicative details of the content below, (in addition to the principal financial terms), the document is intended as an outline of the programme and we would be pleased to adapt the delivered elements to further support your requirements as you share them with us.

2. Our Proposal

Our proposal, detailed below, comprises 6 sections as follows:

- The Course: Dates and Location
- Course Aims
- Course Content, with details of the Research Project, Assessment Methods, Timetable and Enrichment Opportunities through Cultural Visits
- Accommodation options
- Costings and Principal Financial Terms
- Participant Details

2.1 The Course: Dates and Location

The Immersion Programme will take place from 26th May (arrival day), with first teaching day Tuesday 28th May, to the 13th June 2025 (last teaching day with departure date Saturday 14th June). The programme will have a dedicated Director of Studies, supported by an experienced tutor team who are drawn from the permanent and specialised department Staff.

The programme will take place at the University of Warwick.

2.2 Course Aims

The programme has several aims:

1. To raise students' confidence in using English and to improve their communication skills in a range of social situations and settings, both inside and outside of the classroom.
2. To build students' abilities to use English effectively in academic contexts such as lectures, seminars and discussion groups.
3. To give students the opportunity to produce a piece of work and present it in an academic setting as an immersive experience of life at Warwick University.
4. To introduce students first hand to aspects of British culture.
5. To build students' conversancy in a wide range of technological tools for the purpose of enhancing their own learning and providing them with a rich research resource.
6. To encourage a culture of reflective practice and autonomy in learning.
7. To seek networking opportunities to allow students to meet and interact with other students on the Warwick University campus, in both an academic and social situations.

2.3 Course Content

The classes are designed to be highly interactive and stimulating and will employ a variety of resources and communicative techniques to engage students. The programme will be made up of the following inter-linked strands under the following headings:

- Communication and Study Skills – all four main language skills
- Intercultural Awareness and Communication
- Lecture Programme
- Cultural Trip Preparation

With the following topics woven within the above:

- Understanding British Culture
- An Introduction to British Literature and Shakespeare
- Using Technology in Academia
- An Introduction to Academic Research & Project Development
- Team Challenge
- Presentation Skills

(i) Research Project

The Research Project allows students, in small groups, to explore, in depth, a particular theme relating to their experience in the UK. The students are supported in

- choosing their topic
- deciding on research methods
- constructing research tools
- collating their findings

Students are encouraged to consider a series of wide-ranging topics. The research process gives an opportunity for students to talk to people outside the classroom setting, to develop confidence in asking questions and listening to the answers, and to be discerning in choosing what to include in their presentations.

The students are encouraged to work in The Learning Grid, which will provide an innovative and flexible space that supports students by facilitating independent learning in new ways: individual study, group problem-solving activities, team-working and presentation preparation.

Students are also encouraged to experiment with digital multi-media, drama techniques and audience involvement in preparing for their group research presentation to their tutors and colleagues on the final morning of the programme. This is usually a very rewarding session, where the students experience a tremendous feeling of achievement and satisfaction.

The Research Project Presentation will precede the Farewell Lunch and Award of Certificates.

(ii) Assessment Methods

Students' progress will be closely supported and monitored by tutors. A programme summary will be produced at the end of the programme to include a progress report for each student (if required).

(iii) Timetable

The taught timetable will run on average 4.5 days a week, starting at 9am. There will be approximately 18 hours of classroom study per week. This will add up to around 54 hours

of classroom teaching in total. On two afternoons there will be classroom activities, while the other afternoons will offer self-study opportunities to complete assignments and projects and attend half-day cultural visits as described below.

(iv) Enrichment Opportunities Through Cultural Visits

As with all of our short courses, it is proposed there will be three half-day trips to Stratford upon Avon, Warwick Castle and the Cotswolds and two full-day trips to Oxford and London. Sundays will be free. All cultural visits can however be negotiated within the proposal discussions.

On each visit organised by Warwick, a Department member will accompany the students from the University. Each visit will be preceded by an introductory session to explain the historical, social or cultural significance of the venue thereby setting it in context and helping the students gain maximum benefit from the experience.

Additionally, throughout their stay, the Student Support Team will support the students with suggestions and advice to help them plan their spare time and gain as much as possible from their travel experiences.

2.4 Accommodation

We are able to provide a maximum of 10 homestay places in addition to a choice of student accommodation on campus. Students who choose homestay will live in carefully selected homestay accommodation on a half-board basis during the week (breakfast and dinner) and on a full board basis at weekends, if they are at home. Week-day lunches can be purchased in a range of cafés and shops on campus. The homestay accommodation is within walking distance or a short bus-ride of the University. The students each have a private study bedroom.

We can also offer student accommodation on campus which would be chosen and paid for separately by each student in consultation with Warwick Accommodation.

2.5 Costings and Principal Financial Terms

The fees quoted below are based on our mutually recognised Hong Kong Metropolitan Immersion Programme which has been delivered for many years.

At Warwick we pride ourselves in preparing and delivering high quality short courses which meet the needs of our clients. The proposal outlined herein, including the financial assumptions, is based on our understanding of your requirements; however we would be pleased to discuss any and all elements with you further, as you require, to ensure your students are able to take part in a highly prestigious and enjoyable learning and cultural experience.

The fees include:

- the services of our experienced academic staff in delivering bespoke personalised sessions according to the specification agreed with yourselves
- airport collection on arrival Sunday 26th (accompanied) and a single drop-off at the end of the programme
- a welcome lunch on the first day and a farewell lunch on the final day of the programme
- a comprehensive cultural programme including a pre-briefing as to the particularly important facets of the locations, which includes the associated admission fees.
- university registration which gives physical access to the library and IT facilities

The fees do not include the cost of flights or travel/health insurance for participants. Insurance can however be arranged upon request at an extra cost

Course duration (weeks)	Expected group size	Total cost per participant (with cultural programme)
3	Maximum 10 students for homestay provision (price includes homestay accommodation option)	GBP £2,545
3	Up to 20 students (price not including accommodation provision. Student self-catering accommodation is sourced separately by students directly with Warwick Accommodation)	GBP £1,945

Students interested in participating will be able to access the 10 places for homestay on a first come, first served basis, determined by programme organisers on the Hong Kong Metropolitan side. Payment for the associated price (£2,545) will be made directly to Warwick Short Courses by each individual student via a payment link provided closer to the course start date.

Students wishing to live on campus in student self-catering accommodation will be provided with an accommodation link closer to the course dates through which they can select their desired rooms and then pay directly to Warwick Accommodation. For an idea of the potential range of accommodation options, students could view the main accommodation site [Campus Residences 2024/2025](#)

2.6 Participant Details

In order to make arrangements for the programme we usually ask for a participant details' spread-sheet to be completed in advance, once numbers are confirmed and agreed. The electronic submission of completed Homestay Questionnaires, where relevant, and passport-size photos from the programme co-ordinator in **Hong Kong Metropolitan University** will also be required.