

Student Exchange Program between Yale University and New Asia College (YUNA) 2025-26

1. *History*

New Asia College and Yale University have been jointly organizing this short-term annual student exchange program since 1993. Every year, the two institutions agree on a theme for exchange. The themes over the years were as follows:

1993-94	Education	2009-10	Development and Sustainability
1994-95	Environmental Protection	2010-11	Social Justice
1995-96	Urban Issues	2011-12	Capitalism and Society
1996-97	Migration	2012-13	Innovation, Creativity and Social Change
1997-98	Sex and Gender	2013-14	Migration and Cultural Integration
1998-99	Religion	2014-15	Sovereignty and Society
1999-00	Family	2015-16	National Identity and Citizenship
2000-01	Youth Culture	2016-17	Authenticity and Modernization
2001-02	Mass Media	2017-18	Collective Memory and Generational Identity
2002-03	Social Welfare	2018-19	Communities: Margin and Mainstream
2003-04	Law and Society	2019-20	Social Mobility and Inequality
2004-05	Public Health and Society	2020-21	<i>Suspended due to the pandemic</i>
2005-06	Poverty and Wealth Distribution	2021-22	Climate Change and Local Impact
2006-07	Ethics & Morality	2022-23	Education and Technology
2007-08	Globalization and Social Identity	2023-24	Ethnicity, Migration and Identity
2008-09	Education	2024-25	Reimagining Cities: Hong Kong and New Haven

2. *Objectives*

- To enable students to get a deeper understanding of the social, cultural and scientific issues of the two regions, so as to widen their intellectual horizons.
- To enable students to acquire a better understanding of the public affairs and problems in Hong Kong and the United States through comparisons.
- To strengthen the academic ties between the two institutions.
- To build lifelong friendships between participants of the two institutions.

3. *Theme*

Both institutions agree on a common theme for exchange each year and a variety of issues related to the theme will be examined. The theme for 2025-26 exchange is “**Health and Wellness**”.

4. *Period of Visit*

New Asia students will pay a 14-day visit to Yale during Lunar New Year period in 2026. Yale group will pay a reciprocal visit to Hong Kong in March 2026.

5. *Formation of New Asia Visiting Team*

- The team will tentatively consist of eight students and one faculty who acts as academic advisor of the team.
- Selected students are expected to:
 - be a full-time undergraduate of the College;
 - have good command of English language;
 - have reasonably good academic performance;
 - have some experience and organizing ability in extracurricular activities;
 - be interested in and have knowledge of the theme;
 - should have good understanding of the theme in both Hong Kong and the Mainland, and from a global perspective.

6. *Responsibility of Student Participants*

Student participants play a vital role in the success of the Program. The following three major responsibilities and expectations aim to foster their intellectual growth, collaboration and leadership:

- i. Student participants are responsible for conducting research on the selected issues in teams and preparing oral and written reports on it, under consultation with the faculty advisor. They will present their findings in an academic symposium during their visit to Yale. Intellectual curiosity is key in enhancing cross-cultural understanding.
- ii. Student participants, as a team, are responsible for planning and organizing a symposium and a series of theme-related visits and cultural activities for the Yale visitors in March 2026. A strong ability to plan and execute and a will to take initiative are essential.
- iii. Student participants are expected to demonstrate a high level of commitment and engagement to the program, at least in terms of attendance of weekly preparatory meetings, the March program and various program-related activities.

7. *Expenses*

Yale University provides board and lodging in the U.S. Each student will pay HK\$5,000 for part of the airfare. The College will cover the remaining balance and travel insurance. Visa application fee and personal expenses in the U.S. will be borne by the student participants.

8. *The Deadline of Application is 21 September 2025.*

9. *Enquiries*

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