

CW Chu College



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Origin

Founded in 2007, CW Chu College is named after Dr. Chu Ching-wen (1906–1996), a prominent industrialist and remarkable philanthropist who spent the larger part of his career in Hong Kong. The University chose to perpetuate Dr. Chu's memory by naming a new college after him.

Vision and Motto

The College was established with the vision of becoming an intimate community of scholars drawn from diverse backgrounds engaging with the world in a spirit of curiosity and generosity. Our vision statement embraces four elements—*intimate, international, intellectual, involved*—that distinguish the College and lay the path for its development. The College seeks to strengthen the interaction between academics and students, raise students' interest in intellectual dialogue, enhance their scope and depth of general knowledge, broaden their perspective on the world at large, foster in them a capacity for ethical reflection and conduct and furnish them with the interpersonal skills needed for life after graduation. In doing so, the College aims to nurture graduates who embody the values that the late Dr Chu exemplified and which are encapsulated in the College motto, *Cultus et Beneficentia*: leadership, service, intellectual clarity and ethical conduct.

Full Residence and Communal Dining

CW Chu College is a small college with a student membership of approximately 300. It is one of the three colleges at CUHK that provides residential accommodations during term time for all of its undergraduate members for the entire four years of their undergraduate studies.* To enhance interactions among fellow students and their teachers, students attend communal dinners three times a week and benefit from the wisdom and experience of speakers from all walks of life during the College's high table dinners.

* Special arrangements for hostel accommodations will be made for students beyond their fourth year and for medical students in their clinical years when they would normally be expected to live in accommodations at the teaching hospital.

Small and Intimate

Small size, full residence and communal dining are the essential ingredients for building and fostering an intimate, interactive, congenial and caring community of students and academic staff. The College admits 75 students each year who will develop relationships and build enduring bonds. The College's small size allows it to nurture innovation by offering an alternative college experience.

International Character

The College has a unique international character. Including incoming exchange students, nearly 40% of our students are expected to hail from outside Hong Kong. The College Fellows and teaching members likewise come from many different background and students experience and share multicultural perspectives while gaining a global perspective.

Honour Code

Instead of an administration-centred student discipline system, the College encourages character formation, personal responsibility, honesty, mutual respect and support. Students pledge to abide by an Honour Code upon admission and take primary responsibility for managing the Code and dealing with any behaviour that is not consistent in a spirit of maturity and self-governance.

College General Education Programme

The General Education programme at CW Chu College consists of (1) a credit-bearing component that includes an induction course for Year 1 students (GECW 1010 University and Society) and a capstone course for Year 4 students (GECW4010 Senior Seminar) and (2) a non-formal component that carries no credit units (GECW1000 Non-formal Learning: extended freshman orientation and communal dining are required, including high table dinners and voluntary social service). There are no college assemblies.

The induction course is a key component of the first-year experience and introduces students to university learning, whereas the capstone course allows students to synthesise their academic skills beyond the limits of their major programmes; engage in socially relevant, real-life issues; analyse the related factors, constraints and options; and then present their findings in a cogent, reasoned and persuasive manner. Students are expected to learn and participate actively through lectures, tutorials, presentations, group work and the writing of term papers.

Scholarships and Bursaries

When all four cohorts of students are in place (300 students) at CW Chu College, approximately 60 scholarships (typically of HK\$10,000 each) are expected to be provided each year. Bursaries will also be provided on the basis of need to help defray part of the extra costs of hostel accommodations and communal dining. A total of 25 admission scholarships will be offered to the entering class, other scholarships will also be awarded in later years, to recognize merit, creativity and to support exchange.

Mentorship Scheme

The Mentorship Scheme extends and realises the vision and mission of the College. To broaden students' horizons for university learning and enrich their social exposure, the College welcomes mentors—experienced and leading figures from all walks of life, including our ready network of Chu Scholars—to share their valuable experience and offer advice and guidance on students' educational and professional development.

Exchange Opportunities

The College is also exploring exchange opportunities with universities abroad and developing overseas summer programmes for our students with the aim of enriching their cultural awareness and helping them develop cultural sensitivity and a global outlook. All CW Chu College students will be eligible to compete for the hundreds of outbound exchange opportunities offered by the University through the Office of Academic Links. In addition, there will be at least 12 one-term exchange opportunities assigned to the College in 2014-15.

Service

In line with the College's educational mission and the University's emphasis given to non-formal learning as an integral part of the whole-person development effort, CW Chu College aims to develop our service programmes through three major efforts: (1) student oriented college service and activities; (2) social and community service in Hong Kong, and (3) civic engagement and service learning. In addition to just carrying out the activities, learning to plan, evaluate and report will be important. There will be guidance from College teachers all along.

Campus Location and Design

The College will be situated at the Campus Circuit North close to a cluster of new developments (Area 39) that includes postgraduate research and hostel facilities. A newly constructed bicycle trail connects the College Campus and Area 39 to the MTR University Station.

The College buildings will blend in with the lush, green surroundings. Apart from the undergraduate living quarters, the buildings will house dining and amenity facilities for the entire membership of the College with purpose-built space for tutorials, seminars and other collegiate activities.

College Master

Prof. Kenneth Young, Professor of Physics at CUHK, is the Master of CW Chu College. He has this to say about the plans for the future:

As we look back to the late Dr. C.W. Chu, whose shining example has inspired this endeavour, and as we look forward to the day when teenagers will join the College, to the day when they emerge ready to contribute to society as young adults, we are conscious of the tradition and values upon which we build and of the immense potentialities that lie ahead.