## BA Curriculum

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| The University’s compulsory courses             | 54      | • Year 1: CAES1000. Core University English  
|                                                  |         | • Year 2: CAES92xx. English in the Discipline  
|                                                  |         | • Year 3: CART9001. Practical Chinese for Arts Students  
|                                                  |         | • Years 1-3: 6 Common Core courses |
| 1 Arts major                                    | 72-78   | • Year 1: At least 18 credits in Arts introductory courses, incl. the prerequisite(s) of the intending major(s)  
|                                                  |         | • Year 2: Declare an Arts major on SIS |
| Remaining credits: by completing other Arts/non-Arts electives | 108-114 | Students can pursue an additional major and/or minor(s) with these credits. They can review their major/minor declaration(s) on SIS. |
| **Total**                                       | **240** |         |

- Arts offers **23 majors and 31 minors** to UG students
Available Arts majors and minors

Modern Languages and Cultures

**English**
- English Studies
- Language and Communication

**Humanities**
- Comparative Literature
- Fine Arts
- History
- Gender Studies
- General Linguistics
- Music
- Philosophy

**Chinese**
- Chinese History and Culture
- Chinese Language and Literature
- Translation

**Modern Languages and Cultures**
- American Studies
- European Studies
- China Studies (Arts Stream)
- Global Creative Industries
- Hong Kong Studies
- Japanese Studies (major only)
- Korean Studies
- French
- Italian
- German
- Spanish

Programme offered only as a minor

**Modern Languages and Cultures**
- African Studies
- Arabic
- Japanese Culture
- Japanese Language

**Centre of Buddhist Studies**
- Buddhist Studies
To fulfil an Arts major, in general

4 main components

- Prerequisite Course(s)
- Introductory Course(s)
- Advanced Course(s)
- Capstone Experience

To fulfil an Arts minor, in general

2-3 main components

- Prerequisite Course(s)
- Introductory Course(s), if applicable
- Advanced Course(s)

For the specific requirements, please refer to the “Structure of Majors and Minors” section of Home > Current Students > Undergraduate > BA > Majors & Minors
Make your first course selection

Year 1
- Adapt to the new learning environment;
- Explore your academic interests

Year 2
- Declare 1 Arts major and optional major/minor(s)
- Monitor your academic performance

Year 3
- Go on exchange

Year 4
- Resolve difficulties affecting your academic progress
- Monitor the progress of fulfilling the graduation requirements

Graduation
- Apply for jobs/PG studies and attend interviews

Road Map of BA Studies

Look for experiential learning opportunities in HK and beyond
## BA&LLB Curricula

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| University’s compulsory courses                   | 36      | • Year 1: CAES1000. Core University English  
• Year 3: CART9001. Practical Chinese for Arts Students  
• Years 1-3: 4 Common Core courses                 |
| Major in Literary Studies                         | 72      | To be completed in Years 1 – 4                                          |
| Law Professional Core                              | 156     | To be completed in Years 1 – 5                                          |
| Remaining credits: by completing electives offered by Arts, Law or other faculties | 36      | Students may pursue an optional minor with these credits.               |
| **Total**                                         | **300** |                                                                         |

*Please refer to the [BA&LLB website](#) for details.*
Before course selection…

• Read the regulations and syllabuses to plan ahead:
  • BA: http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BA
  • BA&LLB: http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB
  • General tips on course selection

• Year 1 students can select courses via SIS from Aug 21 (10:00 am) to Aug 27 (4:00 pm)

• Normal study load for Semester 1 and Semester 2: 30 credits

  ➢ Students can choose to take between 24-36 credits in these semesters. Please seek approval from the Faculty for undertaking special study load if you want to take a study load outside of this range.
Academic standards

Please refer to the **Grade Expectations** section for details.

- ‘Cumulative GPA’ (CGPA) is the Grade Point Average in respect of courses attempted by a student (incl. failed courses) at the time of calculation. All courses carry the same weighting.

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THE GRADING SYSTEM
• ‘Graduation GPA’ (GGPA) is a special kind of CGPA. It is calculated at the point of graduation.

• Students who passed 6 Common Core courses, their GGPA either includes all 6 courses or only 5 of them with the highest grades (covering all 4 Areas of Inquiry), depending on which generates the higher value.

• Please refer to the Honours Classification section for details.
Unpleasant situations that students should avoid…

Students will be recommended for discontinuation of their studies, if they have

- failed to pass 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters*, except when they are approved to undertake special study load in the relevant semester(s), or

- failed to achieve an average GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters*, or

- exceeded the maximum period of registration (BA: 6 years; BA&LLB: 8 years) without the Faculty’s approval.

*not including the summer semester
Student who commits plagiarism is liable to disciplinary action.

- Plagiarism is defined as the unacknowledged use, as one’s own, of work of another person, whether or not such work has been published.

- Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, is strictly prohibited in all assignments and assessments. Students should use proper citations and provide sources wherever necessary.

Useful links:
- Faculty’s website for handling of plagiarism; HKU, “What is Plagiarism?”;
- CAES, “Plagiarism and How to Avoid It”;
- Purdue University, Guidelines on research and citations