



My Academic Plan

A good plan is half way to success. Make a list of learning experiences that you want to gain when you graduate and schedule them into different years of study.

Academic Attainment: First Major _____ Second Major _____ Minor _____

Other Learning experiences: e.g. Exchange/Study Abroad Internship Service Learning Mentorship Research Project Foreign Language

A typical 4-year programme:

		Compulsory				Optional <i>(Depend on how many credits you have after finishing all compulsory courses)</i>			
Year	Semester	English <i>(12 credits)</i>	Chinese <i>(6 credits)</i>	Common Core <i>(36 credits)</i>	First Major/ Professional Core <i>(72-96 credits)</i>	Second Major <i>(72-96 credits)</i>	Minor <i>(36-48 credits)</i>	Electives <i>(Remainder to complete 240 credits)</i>	Total Credits
1	1								
	2								
	Summer								
2	1								
	2								
	Summer								
3	1								
	2								
	Summer								
4	1								
	2								
						Total Number of Required Credits: 240			



Some Quick Facts to Know when You Plan for Your Studies

Study Load:

- The University recommends students to take **24-30 credits** in one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by their Faculty. Students can take **up to 36 credits in one semester**, accumulating up to a **maximum of 72 credits** in an academic year.
- If you wish to underload (registering for fewer than 24 credits) or overload (registering for more than 36 credits in one semester or more than 72 credits in one academic year), you have to send your application to your Faculty for approval.

Language Requirements:

- English*: 12 Credits (6 credits in CAES1000 Core University English, usually taken in Year 1; and 6 credits in English in the Discipline, usually taken in Year 2)
- Chinese: 6 Credits (usually in Year 3 or 4) (For exemptions and special arrangements for international / Putonghua-speaking students, please consult your Faculty Office.)

* Students with level 5 or above in HKDSE English, or non-JUPAS students with equivalent qualification, can choose whether or not to take CAES1000. If they wish to take it, just enroll for it in SIS, no prior application is needed; if they do not wish to take it, a free elective course in lieu is needed. The System will, by around Aug 30, automatically assign a CAES1000 class to those who need to take it but have not enrolled for it yet and those who have attempted to enroll for it but have not been successful yet.

Common Core:

- Most students are required to take **36 credits** of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising **at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry**.
- Students are **not allowed to select more than 24 credits of Common Core courses within one academic year**, except for those who are required to make up for failed credits.
- Please pay special attention to the non-permissible combinations of courses and individual faculty requirements. For details, please visit the Common Core website (<http://commoncore.hku.hk>) and/or consult your home Faculty Office.

Honours Classification and Grading System:

CLASS OF HONOURS	CGPA RANGE
First Class Honours	3.60-4.30
Second Class Honours Division One Division Two	(2.40-3.59) 3.00-3.59 2.40-2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70-2.39
Pass	1.00-1.69

GRADE	STANDARD	GRADE POINT
A+	Excellent	4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Satisfactory	2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Pass	1.3
D		1.0
F	Fail	0

Disclaimer: Information given is for reference only. There might be different policies and practices with regard to individual curriculum structures. If in doubt or wish to have further details, please consult the Faculty Offices concerned.