About us

Key pillar of an arts and humanities education: knowledge of languages and other societies

The choice is yours: 8 Area Studies and 10 Language & Culture programmes are offered

Strong international outlook (staff, exchanges & field trips, research profile)
Why study languages and cultures?

A language is a key to access a new culture and intellectual tradition

Nurture your ability to be globally aware, mobile, and adaptable

Grow your common knowledge and your communication and social skills

Have the ability to compare
Area Studies programmes

African Studies
Global Creative Industries
American Studies
Hong Kong Studies
China Studies
Japanese Studies
European Studies
Korean Studies
Area studies programmes

Interdisciplinary approach to the study of cultures and societies

Regional expertise and inter-cultural competence

Focus on the holistic analysis of societies through history, literature, political and economic systems
Language and Culture programmes

Arabic    French    German    Italian    Japanese

Korean    Portuguese    Spanish    Swedish    Thai
Language and Culture programmes

Focus on linguistic proficiency and skills, as well as literary and social analytical knowledge

Cultural immersion through language training

Objective is high level of proficiency and inter-cultural competence
Your choices of Majors and Minors

Majors: French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish

Minors: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai

A winning combination: most of our students double-major
Spending time overseas: an investment into your future

Exchange semesters at partner institutions in Europe, Asia and the Americas

Field trips to Europe, Africa, China and North America

Intensive language courses at our partner institutions
Summer intensive courses

Over 90 SMLC students studied in 9 countries during the summer of 2017

- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- The Netherlands
- Spain
- Thailand
Internship opportunities

Many programmes at SMLC provide internship opportunities in foreign organisations and companies - both locally and abroad.

In 2017-2018, over 50 students took up internship positions as part of their major.
Events

Each year, there is a large number of events including academic talks, research conferences as well as cultural events such as film festivals, concerts, food tastings, and art exhibitions

Experience other cultures in Hong Kong

Opportunity for you to become active in organising events
Japan Month

Talk: The Hong Kong that I love
By Mr. Lin Xi

Loy Krathong Festival
Hispanic Month

Food Tasting @German October

Talk: Africa’s Premier Diva Angelique Kidjo @ HKU
To learn more about our specific programmes, please visit our website at [www.smlc.hku.hk](http://www.smlc.hku.hk)

We hope to see you in this academic year!