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Dear BA Year 1 Students,

Faculty Orientation Activities 2020-21

Congratulations on achieving your place in Arts – one of the three founding faculties of the University. As a new member of the Faculty, you may already have started planning your studies for the next four years.

Indeed, Arts offers a liberal and flexible curriculum which consists of 23 majors and 31 minors within a guided and coherent academic framework. There are many options for each and every one of you. Year 1 students can select their courses from August 21 to 27, 2020. Please visit the BA website below which contains all of the information you will need before the commencement of your studies, including guidelines on course selection, arrangements on academic advising, and requirements of the BA curriculum and of your intending major(s) and minor(s):

<http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BA>

The University has prepared the [First Year Experience](#) website which is a quick one-stop information hub where you can find the essential topics for new students to understand more about learning at HKU and the HKU community. CEDARS' [Student Life and Resources](#) website is also useful for all students with information on campus life and student support services.

I am also writing to invite you to join us for the orientation activities as attached in the Appendices. There will be a Faculty session during the University Induction Talk via Zoom on August 24, 2020, which will give you an overview of your HKU experience, including important academic matters and tips on academic planning in Arts. It will also be a nice opportunity to chat with the School/Centre/Programme representatives and Student Academic Advisers on academic matters and different aspects of university life.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty in the coming weeks!

Yours sincerely,

(Ms.) Nicole Wong
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Orientation Activities 2020-21 for BA New Students

Date	Time	Orientation Activity	Remarks
Aug 24 (Mon)	10:00-12:00	(Online) Faculty Induction Talk (incl. an introduction on the degree and Arts Programmes, group discussion)	Please refer to the Faculty website for details.
Aug 25 (Tue)	14:30-15:20 15:30-16:20 16:30-17:20	Live Chat with Student Academic Advisers via Zoom (various groups)	
Aug 20 (Thu)	10:00-11:30 12:00-13:30	School of English: (Online) Briefing Sessions on the English Majors and Minors 2020-21 - For First-Year Students - For Second-Year and Direct Admission Scheme Students	Please refer to the School website for details.
Aug 25 (Tue)	10:30-11:30	School of Humanities (Linguistics): Q&A Zoom session about the Linguistics Undergraduate Programme	Please refer to the Programme website for details.

In addition, the Faculty and Arts Programmes would also like to invite you to visit the following websites for planning your BA studies:

- Faculty: <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BA>
 - o Course Selection: <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/course-selection>
 - o Academic Advising: <http://arts.hku.hk/teaching-and-learning/academic-advising>
 - o Assessment Matters: <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/assessment>
 - o Online Teaching and Learning: <http://arts.hku.hk/teaching-and-learning/online-teaching-and-learning>
- School of English: <see attached>
- School of Humanities
 - o Art History: <https://arthistory.hku.hk/index.php/academic-programmes/undergraduate/>
 - o Comparative Literature: <https://www.complit.hku.hk/index.php/undergraduate/>
 - o Gender Studies: <https://genderstudies.hku.hk/>
 - o History: https://www.history.hku.hk/prog_ug.html
 - o Linguistics: <https://linguistics.hku.hk/degree-programs/undergraduate/>
 - o Music: <http://www.music.hku.hk/>
 - o Philosophy: <https://philosophy.hku.hk/dept/undergrad/>
- School of Chinese: <http://web.chinese.hku.hk/main/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts/>
- School of Modern Languages and Cultures: <https://smlc.hku.hk/programmes/>
- Centre of Buddhist Studies: https://www.buddhism.hku.hk/programme_03.htm
- Centre for Applied English Studies: <https://caes.hku.hk/courses/ugc/>
- Common Core Curriculum: <https://commoncore.hku.hk/enrollment-information/>
- CEDARS: <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/>
 - o First Year Experience by CEDARS: <https://www.fye.hku.hk/>
- Academic Advising Office: <https://aao.hku.hk/diff-type/>
- “Quick Tips for Using the Central IT Services” by ITS: <https://www.its.hku.hk/services/overview>
- Equal Opportunity Unit: <https://www.eounit.hku.hk/en/>



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Dear First-Year Student,

Briefing Session on English Majors and Minors, 2020-21

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Hong Kong! Year 1 is a year of exploration for you to delve into your different interests in a variety of disciplines, and this experience will enable you to decide which major(s) and optional minor(s) to declare in Year 2. Before making your first course selection from August 21 to 27, 2020, you may wish to familiarise yourself with the relevant prerequisite courses of your prospective major(s) and minor(s).

If you are interested in pursuing your studies in the fields of English literary studies, English linguistics, or language and communication, please come and join our School's **Briefing Session on English Majors and Minors for First-Year Students**, which will be held at **10:00 am, on August 20, 2020 (Thursday) via Zoom**. Our teacher will guide you through our programmes, *English Studies (ES)* and *Language and Communication (L&C)*, and address any questions or concerns you might have regarding your course selection and your academic interests and goals. Kindly **register your attendance online by 18 August** at <https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/page/briefing>. The School Office will then send the Zoom link to registrants in a separate email.

Meanwhile, you are encouraged to read our School website at <https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/Curriculum> for the first-year prerequisite requirement, syllabuses of the ES and L&C programmes, and the course offerings of this academic year.

For enquiries, please feel free to contact Mr. Tamix Wong of the School Office at tamix@hku.hk.

We look forward to welcoming you to the School of English!

Yours sincerely,

Professor Julia Kuehn
Head
School of English



Briefing Sessions on English Majors and Minors

Date: August 20, 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 (for First-Year Students)

12:00 - 13:30 (for Second-Year and DAS Students)

Venue: Conducted via Zoom

Register at <https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/page/briefing>



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Curriculum Structures of Majors and Minors Offered by the School of English for Students Admitted in 2020-21

1. Admission Requirement to Courses Offered by the School of English

A minimum Level 5 in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination, or an equivalent score in another recognized English proficiency test.

2. Programme Requirements of English Studies

Courses	Major	Minor
(1) Introductory level (normally taken in the first two years of study)	30 credits	18 credits
(a) <i>From List A “Historical and Theoretical Foundations” (including 6 credits of ENGL course as a first-year prerequisite)</i>	12 credits	6 credits
(b) <i>From List B “Critical Reading, Analysis and Writing”</i>	12 credits	6 credits
(c) <i>Either from List A or B</i>	6 credits	6 credits
(2) Advanced level	48 credits (including a major capstone course)	18 credits
Total (1)+(2)	78 credits	36 credits

3. Programme Requirements of Language and Communication

Courses	Major	Minor
(1) Introductory level (normally taken in the first two years of study)	30 credits	18 credits
(a) <i>From List A “Historical and Theoretical Foundations” (including 6 credits of LCOM course as a first-year prerequisite)</i>	12 credits	6 credits
(b) <i>From List B “Critical Reading, Analysis and Writing”</i>	6 credits	6 credits
(c) <i>From List C introductory courses offered by any other listed programmes¹</i>	12 credits	6 credits
(2) Advanced level	48 credits (including a major capstone course)	18 credits (including 6 credits must be from LCOM)
(a) <i>LCOM and ENGL courses (Apply to major: 12 credits must be from LCOM, and 12 credits from either ENGL or LCOM)</i>	24 credits	
(b) <i>From listed advanced courses offered by any other listed programmes² (i.e. which are not ENGL and LCOM courses)</i>	24 credits	
Total (1)+(2)	78 credits	36 credits

¹ List C contains interdisciplinary introductory courses offered by the following programmes: African Studies, China Studies, Comparative Literature, European Studies, General Linguistics, Global Creative Industries, Hong Kong Studies, Japanese Studies, Korean Studies and Translation.

² Listed interdisciplinary advanced courses are offered by the following programmes: American Studies, China Studies, Comparative Literature, European Studies, Hong Kong Studies, General Linguistics, Global Creative Industries, Japanese Studies, Korean Studies, Philosophy and Translation.

4. List of Introductory Courses To Be Offered in 2020-21

List A: Historical and theoretical foundations:

The courses in this list will introduce students to the history and organization of diverse areas of literary and linguistic scholarship. Students will acquire a general overview of selected areas and issues, including major theoretical distinctions or classifications and their historical development over time.

ENGL1013	Exploring the modern: Reading early 20th century British writing (6 credits)
ENGL1024	Topics in world literature (6 credits)
ENGL1044	Introduction to literary theory (6 credits)
ENGL1051	English sounds (6 credits)
LCOM1002	Language, communication, society, field (6 credits)
LCOM1003	Theorizing communication (6 credits)

List B: Critical reading, analysis and writing:

The courses in this list will introduce students to the practice and methods of critical reading, analysis and writing, focusing on different areas of literary and linguistic study. Students will acquire a basic grasp of analytical distinctions and terminology, and learn to ask questions and construct critical arguments.

ENGL1026	Adaptation: From text to screen (6 credits)
ENGL1027	Analysing discourse (6 credits)
ENGL1028	Awakenings: Exploring women's writing (6 credits)
ENGL1031	English grammar(s) (6 credits)
ENGL1033	Intercultural communication (6 credits)
ENGL1036	Meaning and metaphor (6 credits)
ENGL1039	Realism and representation (6 credits)
ENGL1043	An introduction to 20th-century English poetry (6 credits)
ENGL1047	The English lexicon (6 credits)
ENGL1048	Crime stories (6 credits)
ENGL1052	Introduction to theatre studies (6 credits)
ENGL1053	Eighteenth century drama: The rise of celebrity culture (6 credits)
ENGL1054	Writing disaster: Literature, trauma, memory (6 credits)

Note: In order to enroll in any advanced courses of English Studies, and Language and Communication, students must normally have completed 18 credits of introductory courses as prescribed in the respective syllabuses.

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We look forward to seeing you soon at the School of English!