Dear BA Year 1 Students,

Faculty Orientation Activities 2021-22

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 22 majors and 29 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 20 to 26, 2021. 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 Induction Talk on August 18, 2021, which will give you an overview of your HKU experience, including important academic matters and tips on adapting to the University life. It will also be a nice opportunity to chat with the Programme representatives and Student Academic Advisers during other orientation activities on August 17 and 19, 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Ms.) Nicole Wong
Administrative Assistant
Faculty of Arts

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# Orientation Activities 2021-22 for BA New Students

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<td>Aug 17 (Tue)</td>
<td>15:30-16:30</td>
<td>Online Faculty talk on course selection</td>
<td>Please refer to the Faculty webpage for details.</td>
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<td>Aug 18 (Wed)</td>
<td>10:30-12:00</td>
<td>Faculty Induction Talk&lt;br&gt;Venue: Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, HKU</td>
<td>[Note: The admission time will start at 10:10.]</td>
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<td>Aug 19 (Thu)</td>
<td>13:30-14:00</td>
<td>What is &quot;HKU Arts Elite Scheme for Outstanding HKDSE Students (JS6054 BA - School of Chinese)?</td>
<td>[Note: The Faculty will provide the registration link of this event to eligible students by email.]</td>
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<td>Live Chat with Student Academic Advisers via Zoom (various groups)</td>
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<td>Aug 18 (Wed)</td>
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<td>School of English: Briefing Sessions on English Majors and Minors 2021-22</td>
<td>Please refer to the School webpage for the event format, registration, and bad weather arrangements.</td>
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In addition, the Faculty 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](http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BA)
  - Course Selection: [http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/course-selection](http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/course-selection)
  - Academic Advising: [http://arts.hku.hk/teaching-and-learning/academic-advising](http://arts.hku.hk/teaching-and-learning/academic-advising)
  - Assessment Matters: [http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/assessment](http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/assessment)

- School of English: [see attached]
- School of Humanities: [https://soh.hku.hk/](https://soh.hku.hk/)
  - Art History: [https://arthistory.hku.hk/index.php/academic-programmes/undergraduate/](https://arthistory.hku.hk/index.php/academic-programmes/undergraduate/)
  - Gender Studies: [https://genderstudies.hku.hk/](https://genderstudies.hku.hk/)
  - History: [https://www.history.hku.hk/prog_ug.html](https://www.history.hku.hk/prog_ug.html)
  - Linguistics: [https://linguistics.hku.hk/degree-programs/undergraduate/](https://linguistics.hku.hk/degree-programs/undergraduate/)
  - Philosophy: [https://philosophy.hku.hk/dept/undergrad/](https://philosophy.hku.hk/dept/undergrad/)
- School of Modern Languages and Cultures: [https://smlc.hku.hk/programmes/](https://smlc.hku.hk/programmes/)
- Centre of Buddhist Studies: [https://www.buddhism.hku.hk/programme_03.htm](https://www.buddhism.hku.hk/programme_03.htm)
- Common Core Curriculum: [https://commoncore.hku.hk/enrollment-information/](https://commoncore.hku.hk/enrollment-information/)
- Centre for Applied English Studies: [https://caes.hku.hk/courses/uge/](https://caes.hku.hk/courses/uge/)
- CEDARS: [https://www.cedars.hku.hk/](https://www.cedars.hku.hk/)
  - First Year Experience by CEDARS: [https://www.fye.hku.hk/](https://www.fye.hku.hk/)
- Academic Advising Office: [https://aao.hku.hk/diff-type/](https://aao.hku.hk/diff-type/)
- Information Technology Services: [https://www.its.hku.hk/services/overview](https://www.its.hku.hk/services/overview)
  - Introduction to HKU’s Equal Opportunity Policy and Procedures
  - Handling Sexual Harassment: A Guide for Staff and Students
Dear First-Year Student,

**Briefing Session on English Major and Minor, 2021-22**

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 20 to 26, 2021, 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 and communication, please come and join our School’s **Briefing Session on English Major and Minor for First-Year Students**, either face-to-face or online, which will be held at **2:00 pm on August 18, 2021 (Wednesday) in Room CPD-3.28 via the Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus (map attached), and online via Zoom**. In case of any bad weather warning or announcement¹ is hoisted or in force at or after 6:00 am on that day, the School Briefing Session will be conducted as originally scheduled, though via Zoom only without face-to-face attendance.

Our UG Coordinator Dr. Elizabeth Ho and student representatives from the English Society will guide you through our programme, **English Studies (ES)**, 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 August 16 at https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/page/briefing2021**. The School Office will then send the Zoom link to the registrants in a separate email.

Meanwhile, you are encouraged to read our School website at [https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/Curriculum](https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/Curriculum) for the first-year prerequisite requirement, syllabus of the ES programme, 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 Janny Leung
Head
School of English

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¹ Under the situations as listed below:
(a) Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or above) is hoisted; or
(b) Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 will be issued within two hours as announced by the Hong Kong Observatory; or
(c) "Extreme conditions" after super typhoons are in force (announced by the Government before the Hong Kong Observatory replaces Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 with Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3); or
(d) Black Rainstorm Signal is in force.
Briefing Session on English Major & Minor

Date: August 18, 2021 (Wednesday)
Time: 14:00 - 15:30 (for First-Year Students)
Venue: CPD-3.28, Jockey Club Tower,
         Centennial Campus, HKU and Zoom

Register at
https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/page/briefing2021

Our teacher will guide you through our programme,

English Studies,

and answer your questions or concerns regarding your course selection and your academic interests and goals.
For enquiries, kindly contact Mr. Tamix Wong, via tamix@hku.hk.
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. Non-JUPAS candidates are required to submit the qualification of any recognized English proficiency test to the School Office (via email to tamix@hku.hk) for consideration before they have made the course selection online.

2. **Programme Requirements of English Studies**

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

3. **List of Introductory Courses To Be Offered in 2021-22**

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)
- ENGL1022 Poetry past and present (6 credits)
- ENGL1025 Understanding narratives (6 credits)
- ENGL1056 Introduction to language and communication (6 credits)
- ENGL1058 Theorizing communication (6 credits)
- ENGL1059 Introduction to pragmatics (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.

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<td>Imaginary geographies: The art of writing place</td>
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<td>ENGL1026</td>
<td>Adaptation: From text to screen</td>
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<td>ENGL1027</td>
<td>Analysing discourse</td>
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<td>ENGL1028</td>
<td>Awakenings: Exploring women’s writing</td>
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<td>ENGL1041</td>
<td>Modernity and literary modernism</td>
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<td>The English lexicon</td>
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<td>ENGL1049</td>
<td>Early English sonnets</td>
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<td>ENGL1052</td>
<td>Introduction to theatre studies</td>
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Note: In order to enroll in any advanced courses of English Studies, 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!