

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES  
[BA(HDT)]**

*These regulations apply to candidates admitted to the BA(HDT) curriculum in the academic year 2022-2023 and thereafter.*

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

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**Admission to the degree**

**AHD1** To be eligible for admission to the degree of BA(HDT), candidates shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
  - (c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with the regulations and the syllabuses.
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**Period of study**

**AHD2** The curriculum for the degree of BA(HDT) shall normally require eight semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than four academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of six academic years, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

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**Selection of courses**

**AHD3**

- (a) Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabuses before the beginning of each semester. Changes to the selection of courses may be made only during the add/drop period of the semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not normally be considered.
  - (b) Withdrawal from courses beyond the designated add/drop period shall not be permitted, except for medical reasons approved by the Board of the Faculty. Withdrawal without permission shall result in a fail grade in the relevant course(s).
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**Curriculum requirements**

**AHD4** To complete the curriculum, candidates shall

- (a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
- (b) complete successfully not fewer than 240 credits in the manner specified in the regulations and syllabuses, comprising:
  - a 96-credit Major in Humanities and Digital Technologies (HDT), comprising 30 credits of compulsory courses, 18 credits of HDT advanced interdisciplinary electives, 42 credits of Humanities electives and a 6-credit capstone experience requirement;

- 18 credits in the language enhancement courses, including 6 credits in “CAES1000. Core University English”<sup>1</sup>, 6 credits in an “English in the Discipline” course and 6 credits in the Chinese language enhancement course<sup>2</sup>;
  - 36 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry (AoI) with not more than 24 credits of courses being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits;
  - 90 credits of elective courses; and
  - any other non-credit bearing courses as required.
- (c) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the last semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements may be fewer than 24 credits.
- (d) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 288 credits for the normative period of study specified in AHD2, save as provided for under AHD4(e).
- (e) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 432 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in AHD2.

### **Advanced standing and credit transfer**

#### **AHD5**

- (a) Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the University in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Credits granted for advanced standing shall not normally be included in the calculation of the GPA unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.
- (b) Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty, transfer credits for courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits may be recorded in the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. Subject to Regulation AHD5(a), the number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

<sup>1</sup> Candidates who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, are exempted from this requirement, and CAES1000 is optional. Those who do not take this course should take an elective course in lieu, see Regulation UG6.

<sup>2</sup> Candidates who have not studied the Chinese language during their secondary education may be exempted from this requirement and should take an elective in lieu, see Regulation UG6.

## Assessment and grades

### AHD6

- (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
- (b) Courses in which a candidate are given an F grade shall be recorded on the transcript, together with the new grade obtained if the candidate is re-examined as a second attempt or retake the failed course. All fail grades shall be included in calculating the GPA and shall be taken into account for the purposes of determining eligibility for award of the BA(HDT) degree, honours classification and whether a candidate shall be recommended for discontinuation of his/her studies.
- (c) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner:
  - (i) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
  - (ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
  - (iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
  - (iv) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.
- (d) Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.
- (e) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

## Absence from examination

**AHD7** Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examinations of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall normally be made on the form prescribed within seven calendar days of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

## Discontinuation of studies

**AHD8** Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:

- (a) failed to complete 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or
- (b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
- (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AHD2.

## Award of the degree

- AHD9** To be eligible for award of the degree of BA(HDT), candidates shall have
- successfully completed the curriculum requirements as stipulated in AHD4; and
  - achieved a Graduation GPA of 1.00 or above.

## Honours classification

### AHD10

- Honours classification shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Graduation GPA scores (GGPA)<sup>3</sup>, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values:

Class of honours	GGPA range
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

- Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in AHD10(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.
- A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.

<sup>3</sup> For candidates who have successfully completed six Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all four AoI), or all six courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA.