

Suggested Student Pathway – Major in English Studies

Possible directions of studies:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 or Year 4	Year 4
<p>Course requirements (Total 78 credits, including 30 credits of introductory courses and 48 credits of advanced courses)</p> <p>The English Studies major consists of two specialization streams: 1. Literature Stream; 2. Language and Communication Stream</p> <p>You may also choose to specialize in both or neither.</p>	<p>Entrance requirement: 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, is required to enroll in ENGL courses. Please check with the School of English.</p> <p>Explore the foundations of English Studies by taking introductory courses in List A “Historical and Theoretical Foundations” and List B “Critical Reading, Analysis and Writing”.</p> <p>Practice and improve your academic writing, reading and communication skills with CAES (https://caes.hku.hk) and the Writing Centre (https://www.caescss.hku.hk/writing-centre).</p>	<p>Take introductory and advanced courses and delve more deeply into English Studies.</p> <p>To declare a major/minor in English Studies, you need to pass one introductory List A course.</p> <p>Pre-requisite for advanced courses: Completion of 18 credits of introductory courses, with at least 6 credits from both List A and List B.</p> <p>Consider a minor to compliment your English Studies major. Check out the list! (https://aao.hku.hk/list-of-minor/).</p>	<p>Take advanced courses and consider grouping courses together in your area(s) of interest.</p> <p>Meet with your academic advisor to keep on track for your stream options, graduation requirements and post-graduation plans.</p> <p>Complete and showcase your English Studies major with your capstone requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-requisite for capstone course: Completion of 30 credits of introductory courses (with at least 12 credits from both List A and List B) and 24 credits of advanced courses in the major (including transferred credits). • Choose one of three capstone course options: 1/ ENGL3040 Internship in English studies Learn about the School’s internship partners (https://english.hku.hk/Undergraduate/Internships) 2/ ENGL3041 Senior colloquium in English studies; or 3/ ENGL3042 Extended essay in English studies (#2 or #3 is recommended for those thinking of pursuing Postgraduate studies). 	

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After-class activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the School briefing session for Year 1 prospective English Studies major and minor students. • Students may become Executive Committee members of the English Society. • Get involved in social activities like the annual Book Fair, High Table Dinner and Orientation Camp. • Get involved in student publications like the Annual Journal and LINK. • Enter the annual creative writing competition organized by the English Society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the School briefing session for Year 2 English Studies major and minor students. • Broaden your horizons by going on a range of academic exchange overseas. Make sure to get all your exchange credits approved before you go! Explore all study abroad and funding options at the International Affairs Office (https://intlaffairs.hku.hk/). • Consider working as a Peer English Tutor at CEDARS (https://www.cedars.hku.hk/cope/peer/peer-english-tutoring). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the School talk for UG students about Research Postgraduate studies and Taught Postgraduate studies. • Start researching postgraduate programmes and institutions that might interest you and check for any requirements, e.g. LSAT or GREs. • Talk to your academic advisor about your postgraduate plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare for your career by researching any education requirements and investigate employers and other job opportunities. - For career planning and job searches please contact the Careers Center at CEDARS (https://www.cedars.hku.hk/careers/home). 	
Other suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for further studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read extensively and explore research topics (consider being a Student Research Assistant; attend research seminars and conferences at offered by the School and locally); - Seek teachers' academic advice; - Explore which tertiary institutions and programmes may be suitable for you. • Networking and preparation for career development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore internship opportunities through the School's industry partner list; self-initiation; or CEDARS career services. - Attend the School Seminar Series and other relevant events; - Register for the School's Alumni mailing list and stay connected with the School (https://english.hku.hk/alumni/). 			

Please also refer to the [“Programme Learning Outcomes”](#) of this major. This suggested student pathway is for reference only.