

### What is Common Core (CC)?

- Holistic interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary education at HKU
- 17,000 Undergraduates, all 10 Faculties
- Each regular course is 6 Credits, with 160+ Courses
- Curriculum: Mandatory for HKU undergraduate students to usually take 4 or 6 courses (24 to 36 credits) from across four Areas of Inquiry

Science, Technology and Big Data



Arts and Humanities



Global Issues



China: Culture, State and Society



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## Why Common Core (CC)?

- Motto of "Engage, Experiment, Enjoy"
- · Learning beyond your discipline
- · Personal Growth and Jump-Starting Careers
- · Makes friends and networks across the University
- Focus on Sustainability





## Flexibility

- 18 Fully Online Courses
- 6-Credit Summer Courses
- 3-Credit Micro-credentials Courses (Intensive over 1 or 2 weeks over summer, winter, reading weeks)
- Option to exempt one out of six 6-credit CC courses from GGPA



#### 6 new microcredential courses (3 credits)

CCST6001	Change for a Better Self
CCST6002	Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Experiential and Cultural Learning Opportunities in Israel
CCHU6001	For Films' Sake! The Power of Short Films
CCGL6001	Change for a Better Community
CCGL6002	Material Ecologies: Local Practices and Global Impacts
CCCH6001	Human Monkeys: Unethical Research in Manchuria

## Transdisciplinary Clusters and Minors

- · Sustaining Cities, Cultures, and the Earth
- · The Human Lifespan
- Creative Arts
- Gender, Sexuality, & Diversity
- · The Quest for a Meaningful Life
- Big Data & Social Impact (Upcoming)



# Co-curricular opportunities

- Short co-curricular and light touch but authentic experiences.
- International, regional, and local learning opportunities
- Building your CV/ portfolio and valuable skills for future careers
- Explore different fields, disciplines, cultures, and social sectors. More expansive and creative outlook of your careers and aspirations



## Start your own projects



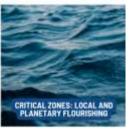
- · Transdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Project
- · Transdisciplinary Experiential Learning Fund
- Competitions (U21 Real Impact on Society and Environment)

Structured Research Projects









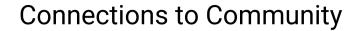








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- Projects in partnerships with industry and community organisations across different topics
- Help students to build networks outside of university
- Support students with projects that brings about impact





























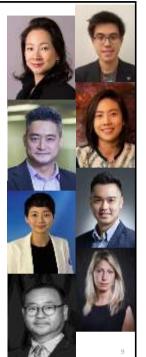












### Courses, Enrolment, Minors and Student Groups





## Key Takeaways

- Enroll in the courses that interest you (don't wait too long)
- Apply for co-curricula projects that can support where you want to go (or help you figure it out)
- Think beyond just disciplinary skills
- We are always available to help: <a href="mailto:commoncore@hku.hk">commoncore@hku.hk</a>



