THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Curriculum Structure of Dual Degree Programme of
Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Digital Technologies [BA(HDT)]
in collaboration with the University of California, Berkeley (UCB)
from 2025-26 and thereafter

Study Years	Institution	Requirements	HKU Credits
1 & 2	HKU	(a) Study requirements in accordance with the regulations and syllabuses of HKU[1] (b) Courses required by HKU (42 credits): In Year 1 • 6 credits of digital literacy; and • Successful completion of non-credit bearing "CAES1001. Academic Communication in English"[3] In Year 2 • CAES92xx. "English in the discipline" course (6 credits); and • CART9001. Practical Chinese for Arts Students (6 credits)[4] In Years 1-2: • Common Core courses (24 credits from any four different Areas of Inquiry); (c) Major in Humanities and Digital Technologies (96 credits)[5]: In Year 1 • HUDT1001. Foundations of Humanities and Digital Technologies (6 credits); • HUDT1002. Essential Methods of Humanities and Digital Technologies (6 credits); • HUDT2100. Emerging Trends and Trajectories in Digital Practices (6 credits); • SDST1016. Data science 101 (6 credits) OR LING2071. Introductory statistics for the humanities (6 credits); and • Humanities introductory elective(s) (6-12 credits)[6]	156[2]

Study Years	Institution	Requirements	HKU Credits
		In Year 2 • HUDT3001. Advanced Topics in Humanities and Digital Technologies (6 credits); and • HUDT4001. Research Project in Humanities and Digital Technologies (Capstone Experience) (6 credits)[7] In Years 1-2: • HUDT3100. Internship in Humanities and Digital Technologies (6 credits); • Humanities advanced electives (30-36 credits)[6]; and • HDT advanced interdisciplinary electives (12 credits) (d) Free electives[8-9] (18 credits) (e) Successful completion of any other non-credit bearing courses as required by UG5	
3 & 4	UCB	a) Study requirements in accordance with the regulations and syllabuses of UCB[1] b) Students may use free electives which they complete at UCB to fulfil some requirements of the declared HKU major/minor. To do so, they should submit an application for credit transfer[1,8-9] for processing.	132 (66 UCB units)
		Total credits required for graduation	288

Notes:
1. Students are required to submit a study plan to both HKU and UCB and obtain prior approval at the beginning of Years 2, 3 and 4.

2. To complete this credit requirement, students may take additional study load in the first two years, or complete at least 132 credits in the first two years and up to 24 credits of courses at HKU in the summer semesters of Years 3 and 4.

3. Students are required to complete CAES1001, unless they are exempted through having achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent.

4. Students who did not study Chinese language during their secondary education and have not reached the required proficiency level for the Chinese language enhancement course (CART9001) may take a course in either Chinese language or Chinese culture in lieu.

5. Please refer to the Regulations and Syllabuses of BA(HDT) on the programme website, noting that the "Curriculum Structure" will prevail if there are any discrepancies among these documents:
   - Regulations: here
   - Syllabuses: here

6. Students can choose courses from <u>one</u> of the following Arts programmes (except for language-learning courses, e.g., "KORE1001. Korean I.1") as HDT focus:
   1) Art History;
   2) Buddhist Studies;
   3) Chinese History and Culture*;
   4) Chinese Language and Literature*;
   5) Comparative Literature;
   6) English Studies;
   7) Gender Studies;
   8) General Linguistics;
   9) Global and Area Studies;
   10) History;
   11) Hong Kong Studies;
   12) Japanese Studies;
   13) Korean Studies;
   14) Music;
   15) Philosophy; and
   16) Translation*

   *Chinese language proficiency is required

   Enrollment conditions of the relevant prerequisite(s), if any, are applicable to this Dual Degree. Students may also be required to take additional course(s) to fulfil the pre-requisite(s) or co-requisite(s) of a course that they intend to take. Please click here for details.

7. Students may not be able to complete "HUDT4001. Research Project in Humanities and Digital Technologies" in Year 2. In this case, they are advised to take it in Year 3 or Year 4 under remote supervision. They can undertake the course in Semester 1 and/or Semester 2 but the enrollment will be recorded in the summer semester of that academic year on their HKU transcripts. These 6 credits will be counted on top of the credits that they are required to complete at UCB in Year 3 and 4.

8. Double-counting of courses for fulfilling more than a major and/or a minor at HKU is not allowed. In addition, students should complete at least 50% of the course requirements of their declared major/minor at HKU (i.e., the maximum credits that can be transferred to a major is 36; that to a minor is 18). If they plan to fulfil the remaining requirements by completing the relevant free electives at UCB, they should refer to Useful Forms for the guidelines and procedures of applying credit transfer. Similar to the requirements of majors, students should comply with the syllabus of the declared minor at HKU for their HKU degree.

   ➔ Students will not be able to start fulfilling the relevant requirements of a major/minor at HKU from scratch in Year 3-4 for their HKU degree

9. Language minors (e.g., Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese Language, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Thai) at HKU require students to complete 6 language progression courses spanned over 3 years while the Minor in Korean Studies only includes 4 language progression courses. Please click here for details. Students are advised to check in advance whether third-year language courses of equivalent level will be offered at UCB.

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