

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Notes of Guidance on Course Selection (BA(HDT))

Section 1: Course selection schedule and procedures

Please refer to the course selection schedule and procedures online at:
<http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/course-selection>

Section 2: Regulations and guidelines

Before the course selection, students are advised to read carefully the University Regulations for First Degree Curricula regarding “Requirements for Graduation (UG5)” (<http://www4.hku.hk/pubunit/drcd/>), the Regulations and Syllabuses of the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Digital Technologies (BA(HDT)) programme, and other information listed on the [BA\(HDT\) programme website](#).

(A) BA(HDT) curriculum

The BA(HDT) programme consists of **a total of 240 credits** over a normative period of four years of study.

The BA(HDT) curriculum structure is outlined as follows:

(I) Compulsory courses required by the University

Requirements	To be taken	Credits
CAES1001. Academic Communication in English	in Year 1	0
AILT1001. Artificial Intelligence Literacy I	in Year 1	3
AILT9009. Artificial Literacy 2: Humanities	in Year 2	3
CAES92xx. English in the Discipline (ED course)	in Year 2	6
CART9001. Practical Chinese for Arts Students*	in Year 3	6
Common Core courses <u>Notes:</u> - They are categorized under 5 Areas of Inquiry (AoI). Students are required to complete at least 1 and not more than 2 courses from each AoI during their BA(HDT) studies, 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. - Students are advised to take 2 – 4 Common Core courses in Year 1 and the rest in Years 2 – 3.	Years 1 – 3	36
Successful completion of any other non-credit bearing course(s) as required	Before graduation	N/A
Total		54

* 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) should apply for exemption and take a course in either Chinese language or Chinese culture offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese (CHIN95xx) in lieu.

(II) Major in Humanities and Digital Technologies

Requirements	To be taken	Credits
HUDT1001. Digital skills I	in Year 1	6
HUDT1002. Digital skills II	in Year 1	6
HUDT2001. Text mining and text generation	in Year 2	6
HUDT2002. Spatial and visual digital skills	in Year 2	6
HUDT3002. Thinking machines, thinking with machines	in Year 3	6
HUDT3100. Internship in humanities and digital technologies	in Year 3/4	6
HUDT4001. Research project in humanities and digital technologies (capstone experience)	in Year 4	6
HDT advanced interdisciplinary electives	Years 2 – 4	12
Humanities focus:	Years 1 – 4	42
Humanities introductory elective(s)	in Year 1	6-12
Humanities advanced electives	Years 2 – 4	30-36
<u>Note:</u> Humanities introductory elective(s) and Humanities advanced electives must be from the same Arts discipline (e.g., Art History), except for language-learning courses (e.g., KORE1001. Korean I.1) • Art History • Buddhist Studies • Chinese History and Culture • Comparative Literature • English Studies • Gaming Studies • Gender Studies • General Linguistics • Global and Area Studies • History • Hong Kong Studies • Japanese Studies • Korean Studies • Music • Philosophy • Translation		
Total		96

(III) Remaining credits

Requirements	Credits
Other Arts/non-Arts courses as electives → Students can pursue an additional major or up to two minors with these credits. <u>Note:</u> For specific requirements of Arts majors, please refer to the following documents for details: BA Regulations and Syllabuses (https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/regulations/) Summary Tables of Requirements of Arts Majors and Minors (https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/ba/majors-minors/)	90

(III) Suggested Order of Study

Please see Appendix A for reference.

(B) Declaration of an optional major and/or minor(s)

Students can declare an optional major or up to two minors from Year 2 onwards. They can make the declaration on SIS and revise it during the course selection periods up to Semester 2 of their Year 3 studies. If any changes on the major/minor declaration are required afterwards, please approach the Faculty Office for approval. Completion of a major/minor will not be shown on the transcript if students did not make the relevant declaration on SIS during their BA(HDT) studies. Please note that a course cannot be double-counted to fulfil the requirement of more than a major (or a minor). When students are required to continue their studies in the ninth semester and beyond, they can only take the relevant courses to fulfill the remaining compulsory requirements of the BA(HDT) degree.

(C) Semester study load

The normal study load is 30 credits in Semester 1 and Semester 2. Students may take 24 to 36 credits without seeking the Faculty's approval in these semesters. If you plan to only take 24 credits in Semester 1, you are advised to take 36 credits in Semester 2 or 1-2 courses in the Summer Semester to catch up on the progress. The maximum number of credits to be taken in one academic year (including the summer semester) is 72 credits. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, students 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 study period of four years, unless students are required to make up for failed credits (Reference: BA(HDT) Regulations, provision AHD4).

Concerning the calculation of semester study load, the credits of "full-year" courses (e.g. 12 credits) will be divided equally between Semester 1 and Semester 2 (i.e. 6+6 credits).

(D) Late add/ drop of courses

Requests for changes of enrolled courses after the designated add/drop period of the relevant semester shall **not** normally be considered (Reference: BA(HDT) Regulations,

provisions AHD3).

(E) Timetable clashes

Students' course selection in SIS **should not** result in any timetable clashes as this will affect students' class participation, and thus the final results, of the courses concerned.

(F) Special requests

If students wish to make any of the following special arrangements for course selection related to their BA(HDT) studies, they have to apply for approval of the Faculty Board by completing the relevant application forms, which are available at <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/forms>:

- Leave of absence for Semester 1 and/or Semester 2, or a shorter period
- Undertaking special study load, i.e. more than 36 credits or less than 24 credits in one semester
- Exemption from compulsory/prerequisite courses for fulfilling the requirements of the University, BA(HDT) curriculum, majors/minors or individual courses
- Credit transfer for exchange studies

The completed application forms should be submitted to the Faculty Office in accordance with the instructions specified on the respective application forms.

(G) Failure in courses

Students are required to complete not fewer than 240 credits including all the compulsory courses/requirements in order to graduate. To make up for any failed credits, students may retake the failed course(s) or take (an)other course(s) in lieu, whichever is appropriate.

If students need to take more than 36 credits in a semester to make up for the failed credits/outstanding requirements, they need to make an application to the Faculty Office as stated on Section F.

(H) Discontinuation

Students shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:

- failed to complete successfully 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
- failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
- exceeded the maximum period of registration (i.e. six years) without the approval of the Board of the Faculty.

(Reference: BA(HDT) Regulations, provision AHD8)

Section 3: Programme administration

Students are welcome to seek academic advice from the BA(HDT) Programme Team:

- Programme Director: [Prof. Christophe Coupé](#)

For procedural matters of the BA(HDT) curricula (e.g. see Section F above), students can contact us at bahdt@hku.hk. For course arrangements, please contact the relevant teaching units directly.

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Suggested Order of Study: BA(HDT) Programme

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits
HUDT1001 Digital skills I	6	HUDT2001 Text mining and text generation	6	HUDT3002 Thinking machines, thinking with machines	6	HUDT4001 Research project in humanities and digital technologies (capstone experience)	6
HUDT1002 Digital skills II	6	HUDT2002 Spatial and visual digital skills	6	HUDT3100 Internship in humanities and digital technologies (Year 3 or Year 4)^			6
		One HDT advanced interdisciplinary elective	6	One HDT advanced interdisciplinary elective	6		
First Humanities introductory elective	6	Two Humanities advanced electives	12	Two Humanities advanced electives	12	One Humanities advanced electives	6
Second Humanities introductory elective OR One Humanities advanced elective*			6				
CAES1001 Academic Communication in English	0	CAES92XX English in the Discipline	6	CART9001 Practical Chinese for Arts Students	6		
Two Common Core courses	12	Two Common Core courses	12	Two Common Core courses	12		
AILT1001 Artificial Intelligence Literacy I	3	AILT9009 AI Literacy 2: Humanities	3				
Free electives	18-24	Free electives	12-Jun	Free electives	12-18	Free electives	42-48
Successful completion of any non-credit bearing course(s) as required (by the final semester of studies)							
Total: 57/63		Total: 57/63		Total: 60		Total: 60	

Notes:

*Major in HDT includes a 42-credit Humanities focus. Student should take at least 6 credits of Humanities introductory elective and 30 credits of Humanities advanced electives. The remaining 6 credits can be either at introductory (to be taken in Year 1) or advanced (to be taken between Year 2-4) level.

^ Students can apply to take HUDT3100 in the Summer Semester of their Year 2 studies.

- Students should complete 36 credits of Common Core courses in Year 1-3, including at least 6 credits from all 5 AoIs.
- Students should complete 1 "English in the Discipline" courses (CAES92XX).
- Humanities introductory elective(s) and Humanities advanced electives must be from the same Arts discipline (e.g., Art History), except for language-learning courses (e.g., "KORE1001 Korean I.1"): Art History, Buddhist Studies, Chinese History and Culture, Chinese Language and Literature, Comparative Literature, English Studies, Gaming Studies*, Gender Studies, General Linguistics, Global and Area Studies, History, Hong Kong Studies, Japanese Studies, Korean Studies, Music, Philosophy, Translation)
- Students should refer to the relevant syllabuses (<https://hdt.arts.hku.hk/curriculum-structure>) for the list of HDT advanced interdisciplinary electives.

Summary of Credits

Major in Humanities and Digital Technologies	96
Common Core courses	36
Compulsory language enhancement courses	18
Free Electives	90
Non-credit bearing course(s)	/
Total Credits	240

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