

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Curriculum Structure of Dual Degree Programme
Co-offered by BA at HKU and BA at 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 HKU¹ b) Courses required by HKU (42 credits): In Year 1 • AILT1001. Artificial Intelligence Literacy I (3 credits); • Successful completion of “CAES1001. Academic Communication in English” (0 credit)³; In Year 2 • AILT9009. AI Literacy 2: Humanities (3 credits); • CAES92xx. English-in-the-discipline course (6 credits); and • Chinese language enhancement requirement (6 credits)⁴; In Years 1-2: • Common Core courses (24 credits from any four different Areas of Inquiry); c) Declare one of the Arts majors⁵⁻⁹ in Year 2 <u>and</u> comply with the syllabus of the declared major at HKU (72-78 credits): d) Free electives (36-42 credits)⁸⁻⁹ e) Successful completion of any other non-credit bearing courses as required by UG5	156 ²
3 & 4	UCB	a) Study requirements in accordance with the regulations and syllabuses of UCB¹ b) Students may use free electives which they complete at UCB to fulfil some requirements of the declared HKU Arts major. 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:

- 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.
- 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 should take “CART9001. Practical Chinese for Arts Students” and non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students should take one of the CUND9xxx courses to fulfil the requirement. 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 should take a course in either Chinese language or Chinese culture offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese (CHIN95xx) in lieu.
5. Please refer to the BA regulations and syllabuses on the [programme website](#), noting that this “Curriculum Structure” will prevail if there are any discrepancies among these documents.
6. The following Arts majors are applicable to this Dual Degree:

1) Art History;	9) History;
2) Chinese History and Culture*;	10) Hong Kong Studies;
3) Chinese Language and Literature*;	11) Japanese Studies;
4) Comparative Literature;	12) Korean Studies;
5) English Studies;	13) Music;
6) Gender Studies;	14) Philosophy; and
7) General Linguistics;	15) Translation*
8) Global and Area Studies^;	

* Chinese language proficiency is required

^ Depending on the stream selected by students, the Major in Global and Area Studies requires students to complete 4-6 language progression courses spanned in 2-3 years.

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 refer to the BA syllabuses for details.

7. Students may not be able to complete the capstone experience of the declared Arts major in Year 2. In this case, they can take the capstone experience of independent research nature (6-12 HKU credits) in Year 3 or 4 under remote supervision of the relevant programme at HKU. 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 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), Major in Japanese Studies and Major in Korean Studies at HKU require students to complete 6 language progression courses spanned in 3 years. 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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