THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Curriculum Structure of Dual Degree Programme
Co-offered by Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Digital Technologies [BA(HDT)] at HKU
and Bachelor of Arts (BA) at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB)
from 2026-27 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 • AILT1001. Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits); and • Successful completion of non-credit bearing "CAES1001. Academic Communication in English"[3] In Year 2 • AILT9009. AI Literacy 2: Humanities (3 credits); • 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. Digital skills I (6 credits); • HUDT1002. Digital skills II (6 credits); and • Humanities focus: Introductory course(s) (6-12 credits)[6] In Year 2 • HUDT2001. Text mining and text generation (6 credits); • HUDT2002. Spatial and visual digital skills (6 credits); • HUDT3002. Thinking machines, thinking with machines (6 credits); and	156[2]

Study Years	Institution	Requirements	HKU Credits
		• 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 focus: Advanced courses (30-36 credits)[6] ; and • HDT advanced interdisciplinary electives (12 credits) (d) Free electives[8-9] (18 credits) (e) A non-credit bearing course in national education and national security education, and any other non-credit bearing courses as may be required from time to time	
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. However, students are strongly advised to complete CAES1001, as it can be mapped to UCB's English compulsory course.

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 offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese 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 one of the following Arts disciplines^ (except for language-learning courses, e.g., "KORE1001. Korean I.1") as Humanities focus:
   1) Art History;
   2) Buddhist Studies;
   3) Chinese History and Culture*;
   4) Chinese Language and Literature*;
   5) Comparative Literature;
   6) English Studies;
   7) Gaming Studies#;
   8) Gender Studies;
   9) General Linguistics;
   10) Global and Area Studies;
   11) History;
   12) Hong Kong Studies;
   13) Japanese Studies;
   14) Korean Studies;
   15) Music;
   16) Philosophy; and
   17) Translation*

   ^ For courses offered under these Arts disciplines, except Gaming Studies, please refer to the BA syllabuses.
   *Chinese language proficiency is required.
   # Gaming Studies is not a major or minor programme, but an Arts discipline that may be taken by BA(HDT) students. Candidates should complete the following requirements:

   Introductory course (6 credits from the course(s) below)

   HUDT1205. Introduction to gaming and gameplay (6 credits)

   Advanced courses (36 credits from the courses below)

   HUDT2205. eXtended Reality (XR) in the humanities (6 credits)
   HUDT2206. Humanities at play: Games and interactive design (6 credits)
   HUDT2210. Experiential learning in humanities and digital technologies (6 credits)
   GCIN2106. Gameworlds and imaginaries (6 credits)
   GCIN2107. Total Design - Experiential designs in the age of the virtual (6 credits)
   GCIN2118. Introduction to video games studies (6 credits)
   GCIN2123. Digital roleplaying games (6 credits)
   HIST3080. Historical gaming (6 credits)
   HIST4028. History without borders: Special field project (6 credits)

   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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