

CURRICULUM REFORM

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“Adding wings to caterpillars does not create butterflies. It creates awkward and dysfunctional caterpillars. Butterflies are created through transformation.”

Stephanie Marshall (1996)



4-Year Undergraduate Curriculum 香港大學四年制本科課程



What is new?

HKU's 4-Year Undergraduate Curriculum adopts an enabling structure that assures flexibility for students to design their own combination of disciplinary majors, minors and electives. Students will have increased flexibility in optimizing subject choices within and outside their home Faculties. The enabling curriculum structure creates space for students to engage in diverse learning experiences. Students are required to complete 240 credits over four years. The requirement for English and Chinese language credits will be raised to strengthen students' language abilities.

Students will also have some learning experiences that are common to all HKU undergraduates so that there are common attributes that they could be expected to have acquired upon graduation. These common learning experiences are designed to develop students' generic and intellectual capabilities, and they will cultivate the core moral and civic values of a democratic society.

香港大學四年制本科課程要求學生於四年內修畢240學分，並鼓勵學生在指定框架內靈活選擇最感興趣的科目，自行創造主修、副修及選修課程各項組合。在四年制課程下，港大對中、英文科目學分要求同時提高，以求加強學生語文能力。

所有港大學生將共享一系列共同學習體驗，從核心課程到總結性學習體驗等，新課程的各項重要元素將更全面地培養學生多元思維及共通能力，亦令學生具備民主社會所需的道德及公民意識。

The Enabling Curriculum Structure

Component 構成元素	Courses 科目	No. of Credits ¹ 學分要求	% of Total No. of Credits 佔總學分比例	No. of Credits ¹ 學分要求	% of Total No. of Credits 佔總學分比例
		2010 New 3-Year Curriculum³ 新三年制課程		2012 New 4-Year Curriculum 新四年制課程	
Compulsory Courses 必修	Common Core 核心課程	12 credits	11.7%	36 credits	22.5%
	English 英語	6 credits		12 credits	
	Chinese 中文	3 credits		6 credits	
Specialization ² 專業	Major 主修	60 - 96 credits	33.3% - 53.3%	72 - 96 credits	30% - 40%
	Minor 副修	36 - 48 credits	20% - 26.7%	36 - 48 credits	15% - 20%
Electives 選修		Remainder to complete 180 credits	8.3% - 35%	Remainder to complete 240 credits	17.5% - 32.5%
Total Number of Required Credits ⁴ 總學分要求		180 credits	100%	240 credits	100%

¹ 6 credits = 120 - 180 student workload hours ² Some professional curricula have been approved to adopt a 'professional core' for their disciplinary studies.

³ A new 3-year curriculum is introduced in 2010, closely modeled on the 4-year (2012) curriculum in order to benefit F7 graduates entering in 2010-2012.

⁴ A maximum credit limit is imposed to ensure space for students to engage in co- and extra-curricular activities.

Students are allowed to take additional credits up to 6 credits per semester and graduate with a total of 216 credits (2010) / 288 credits (2012).

COMMON LEARNING EXPERIENCES

共同學習體驗



Social Sciences students teaching migrant children in Thailand (MOEI Project)

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Arts students taking part in a cultural parade in Japan (Japanese Studies exchange programme at Oita University)



Engineering students contributed to the structural design and construction of a school and dormitory in Guangxi (Ge Wu Lou Project)



Science students on a field trip (Exchange programme with the University of Western Australia)



Architecture students designed part of a new village school in Guangdong that blends into the local landscape (Qinmo Village Project)

HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



A Government and Laws student conducting an HIV/Aids test during her 8-week internship exchange in Nigeria

COMMON LEARNING EXPERIENCES

共同學習體驗

Common Core Curriculum

核心課程

The HKU Common Core Curriculum is the centrepiece of the new undergraduate curriculum. It provides the key common learning experience for all HKU students, and it stimulates students' intellectual curiosity to explore issues of profound significance to humankind. Common Core courses are taught by professors from all Faculties. In the 2010-2011 academic year, 67 courses are being offered. This will increase to over 150 by 2012.

Please visit <http://commoncore.hku.hk> for more details on HKU's Common Core Curriculum.

First Year Experience

入學首年歷程

As students enter HKU, they will be engaged with the University community to foster a sense of identity as members of the University. Academic and non-academic induction programmes will facilitate their transition from secondary to university education. Students will be introduced to ways of learning, behaving and living that are conducive to their academic success, and psychological and physical wellness.

Experiential Learning

體驗學習

"We'd learned a lot of theories in class, but I would hardly believe in such theories if I couldn't experience them in person or with my own eyes." (Adrian Lai, Civil Engineering student)

Experiential Learning is a very powerful form of learning and it will be one of the fundamental elements of HKU's new undergraduate curriculum. It takes learning outside the traditional boundary of the classroom, and facilitates the development of an integrated and holistic understanding of issues. All Faculties have incorporated experiential learning into their curricula. Some have already made it a graduation requirement, e.g., Science and Social Sciences. More Faculties will follow suit.

International Experience

國際經驗

HKU is committed to nurturing its students as global citizens and to providing them with education opportunities that foster intercultural understanding. In some Faculties, international experience is a graduation requirement. There are programmes that offer students opportunities to work in NGOs and other organizations overseas. The University also has reciprocal student exchange programmes with over 180 partner institutions in 25 countries.

English as Medium of Learning and *lingua franca*

英語為學習媒介及共通語言

HKU is an English-medium university in which all lectures and tutorials are conducted in English. In the 4-Year Undergraduate Curriculum, students will be required to take 12 credits of English language, 6 of which in the form of "English in the discipline" that provides English training specific to students' study disciplines.

As an international university, English is used as the *lingua franca* on campus. It is the common language used for activities such as seminars, forums and events for inclusive participation by Chinese and non-Chinese speaking students and staff.

Capstone Experience and Undergraduate Research

總結性學習體驗與本科生研究訓練

Capstone experience is an important component of HKU's 4-Year Undergraduate Curriculum. Students will work on projects to demonstrate their ability to integrate knowledge and skills acquired throughout their undergraduate studies.

Undergraduate research is one form of capstone experience. Undergraduates can join Graduate School courses, research projects and international research conferences under a Research Undergraduate Fellowship scheme starting in early 2011.

