

(For all students in the Program)

Undergraduate Minor Program in Liberal Studies

Except for those studying in the BSc program in Global China Studies: Humanities and Social Science, any undergraduate student with a CGA of 1.5 or above may enroll in the Liberal Studies Minor Program. They must declare their intention to enroll in the minor program no earlier than the second regular term of their second year of study, but no later than the last day of the add/drop period in the first regular term of their final year of study. Students who wish to withdraw from the minor program should apply before the last day of the add/drop period in the second regular term of their final year of study.

The Liberal Studies Minor Program is a cross-divisional program and its courses are grouped into five areas, namely (1) Asia and Global Processes, (2) Citizenship, Democracy and Nationalism, (3) Culture and Modern Life, (4) individual and Society, and (5) Technology and Environment. Students may specialize in a single area or take courses across different areas to match their interest.

Minor Requirements

To graduate with a minor in Liberal Studies, the students must have enrolled in the minor program and complete a minimum total of 18 credits and all of its requirements, as well as all the requirements of their major program of study; and have attained an average grade point of at least 1.5 in courses taken in the minor program.

A maximum total of 6 credits completed successfully outside HKUST can be transferred to the Minor Program. Courses accepted for credit transfer must normally be at a level equivalent to 1000-level or above at HKUST.

Out of the total credits required by the minor program, at least 9 credits should be single-counted within the minor and are not used to fulfill any other requirements for graduation except the 120-credit degree requirement.

Courses used to fulfill the requirements of other minor programs offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science cannot be used to count toward the Liberal Studies Minor Program.

Elective(s)

		Minimum credit(s) required
HUMA/SOSC	Liberal Studies Elective (Courses from the specified elective list, of which at least 9 credits must be at the 2000-/3000-/4000- level. Out of the electives taken, there should be at least 6 credits in Humanities courses and 6 credits in Social Science courses.)	18
Asia and Global Processes		
HUMA	1430 History of P. R. China's Diplomacy, 1949-1989	3
HUMA	1450** The History of the People's Republic of China	3
HUMA	1520 Modern East Asia	3
HUMA	1550** Europe and the World in the 20th Century	3
HUMA	1621** Anthropology of Hong Kong	3
HUMA	2280 Identity Goes Global: From Border Crossing to Boundary Remaking	3
HUMA	2400 Approaches to Humanities in China Studies	3
HUMA	2420 Late Imperial China	3
HUMA	2430 China in the 20th Century	3
HUMA	2440 20th-Century China in Documentary Films	3
HUMA	2570** East Asia and the West: Cultures in Contact	3

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HUMA	2580**	China and Southeast Asia	3
HUMA	2590	The Making of the Modern World: Renaissance to the Present	3
HUMA	3421**	Chinese Military History before 1800	3
HUMA	3530**	History of the Overseas Chinese	3
HUMA	3550**	Social Change and Social Thought in Europe, 1750-1914	3
HUMA	4000A	Max Weber, the West, and the World	3
HUMA	4000B	Political Islam: Medieval Theology, Modern Ideology	3
HUMA	4000C	Global Islam	4
HUMA	4000D	Hollywood Goes to Asia: Transnational Asian Media	4
HUMA	4000E	The Foreigners' Look at China	3
HUMA	4000G	Global Hong Kong in Literature and Film	4
HUMA	4000I	Ecology and Society	3
HUMA	4470**	Chinese Business History	3
HUMA	4520	History of US-China Relations	3
HUMA	4700	Confucianism in a Global Context	3
SOSC	1000D	The Economic and Political Development of Modern Japan, 1603-1905	3
SOSC	1030**	Contemporary China	3
SOSC	1340	China-United States Relations	3
SOSC	1350	Contemporary China: Continuity and Change	3
SOSC	1440	Introduction to Economics	3
SOSC	1460	Japan: Change and Continuity	3
SOSC	1870**	Contemporary Issues in East Asia	3
SOSC	2280	International Relations of East Asia	3
SOSC	2290	Understanding Globalization	3
SOSC	2300	The Pearl River Delta Mega-City: Agglomeration, Integration, Multi-Polarity	3
SOSC	2640	The Chinese Cultural Revolution: A Case Study in Politico-Social Movements	3
SOSC	2780	Modernization and Social Change	3
SOSC	2800**	Global Politics	3
SOSC	3000A	Economic History of Europe and the West: A Global Perspective	3
SOSC	3120	Economic Development	3
SOSC	3410	East Asian Economic Development	3
SOSC	4000C	City and Modernity	4
SOSC	4000F	Jerusalem through the Ages: Historical Geography of the Holy City	3
SOSC	4260	China's Economic Transformation	3
SOSC	4270	Social Change in Contemporary China	3
SOSC	4280	China in the Global Political Economy	3
SOSC	4290	China's Sustainable Development	3
SOSC	4310	Chinese Capitalism: Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3
Citizenship, Democracy, and Nationalism			
HUMA	2470	From Fung Shui to Mao's Villages: City Plans, Urban Politics & the Unseen World of Chinese Villages	3
HUMA	2589	Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler: Dictators and their Regimes	3
HUMA	2633**	Before Mao: Traditional Chinese Society from 1800 to 1949	3
HUMA	2635	Cultural Diversity in China	3
HUMA	4000F	The Nexus of Power: Warfare, Trade and the State in Chinese History	4

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SOSC	1100	Elementary Statistics for Social Research	3
SOSC	1150	Science, Technology and Work	3
SOSC	1250**	International Relations	3
SOSC	1270	International Law	3
SOSC	1290**	Introduction to Chinese Politics	3
SOSC	1300	The World of Politics	3
SOSC	1661	Contemporary Hong Kong: Government & Politics	3
SOSC	2000C	Comparative Public Policy	3
SOSC	2000F	Political Sociology: Concepts, Theories and Applications	3
SOSC	2120	The Party-state System in China: Origins and Developments	3
SOSC	2130	Education and Society	3
SOSC	3170**	Ethnicity	3
SOSC	3520	Understanding Comparative Politics	3
SOSC	3530	Social Movements and Contentious Politics	3
SOSC	3600	Public Policy Analysis	3
SOSC	3630	Democracy and Democratization around the World	3
SOSC	4000A	China in Comparative Perspective	3
SOSC	4000B	The Supreme Court in American History	3
SOSC	4000E	Introduction to Society, Politics and Culture in Israel	3
Culture and Modern Life			
HUMA	1000	Cultures and Values	3
HUMA	1001	Foundational Texts in the Humanities	3
HUMA	1020	Chinese Writing and Culture	3
HUMA	1100	Music of the World	3
HUMA	1101**	Enjoyment of Western Music	3
HUMA	1102	Enjoyment of Classical Music	3
HUMA	1103**	Understanding Music	3
HUMA	1200**	Film Art and Cinema Culture	3
HUMA	1231	Popular Culture of East Asia	3
HUMA	1250	Themes in Literature: Love and Death	3
HUMA	1300	Introduction to Western Literature	3
HUMA	1630	Popular Religion in South China	3
HUMA	1631	Exploring Chinese Culture in Fieldwork	3
HUMA	1910	World Religions	3
HUMA	2000B	Art of Singing	3
HUMA	2000C	Making Choral Music	3
HUMA	2050	Classical Chinese	3
HUMA	2103	Introduction to Music Composition	3
HUMA	2104	Music Theory I	3
HUMA	2105	Music, Drama and Theatre	3
HUMA	2106	A New Approach to Music Making	3
HUMA	2210	Western Short Stories	3
HUMA	2220	China in Film: Modern Chinese Culture and Identities	3
HUMA	2260	Contemporary Chinese Fiction (1949-present)	3
HUMA	2320	Chinese Drama	3
HUMA	2481**	Common Beliefs in Pre-modern China	3

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HUMA	2620**	Culture and Tourism	3
HUMA	2622**	Heritage and Culture	3
HUMA	2623	Cultural Sustainability in South China	3
HUMA	2630	Anthropology of Food	3
HUMA	2632	Chinese Culture and Society in Anthropological Perspectives	3
HUMA	2638	Peoples and Cultures in Mainland Southeast Asia	3
HUMA	2639	Death, Dead Bodies, and Culture	3
HUMA	2661	Chinese Oil Painting	3
HUMA	2670	Understanding Western Painting	3
HUMA	2680	Understanding Western Architecture	3
HUMA	2830	Core Values in Confucianism	3
HUMA	2840	Buddhism and the Chinese Intellectual Tradition	3
HUMA	2921	Ethical Theories and Contemporary Issues	3
HUMA	3000C	Entering the World of Art Films, Independent Films, and Documentary Films	3
HUMA	3101	Enjoyment of Western Opera	3
HUMA	3104	Music Theory II	3
HUMA	3201	Animation: A Global Perspective	3
HUMA	3202	Chinese Creative Writing: Reading Literary Classics and Writing Essays	3
HUMA	3203	Chinese Creative Writing: Reading Literary Classics and Writing Novels	3
HUMA	3220	Modern Chinese Poetry	3
HUMA	3240	The Gothic Imagination in Literature and Film	3
HUMA	3250	Independent Cinema in Contemporary China	3
HUMA	3620**	Visual Anthropology	3
HUMA	3630	Community and Cultural Identity	3
HUMA	3660	Tradition & Modernity: Chinese Ink Painting in 20th Century	3
HUMA	4000H	Picturing History: Photographers and the Making of Modern China	3
HUMA	4000J	The Search for Identity: On Self and Community	3
HUMA	4200**	Literary Classics in Visual Culture	3
HUMA	4220	Verbal and Visual Representation of China	3
HUMA	4250	Masterpieces of Modern Literature	3
HUMA	4610	Heritage in Cross-cultural Perspective	3
HUMA	4650	Western Painting: From Renaissance to Impressionism	3
SOSC	2970	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOSC	3000C	Social Theory and Modernity	3
SOSC	3130	Hong Kong Culture	3
Individual and Society			
HUMA	1210	Chinese Women on Screen	3
HUMA	1620	Human Culture and Society	3
HUMA	1639	Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives	3
HUMA	1650	Appreciation of Western Art	3
HUMA	1710	The Art of Thinking in the Hong Kong Context	3
HUMA	1720	Logic	3
HUMA	1810	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy	3
HUMA	1920	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	3

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HUMA	2230**	Literature and the Self in China	3
HUMA	2270**	Women's Literature	3
HUMA	2480**	Daily Life in Imperial China	3
HUMA	2640	Unofficial China: Social History 1800s-1930s	3
HUMA	3030	Language, Communication and Culture	3
HUMA	3900	Philosophical Inquiry into the Modern World	3
HUMA	4020	Language and Literature in Modern China	3
SOSC	1000A	Behavioral Games	3
SOSC	1200	Quantitative Social Analysis	3
SOSC	1420	Poverty	3
SOSC	1662	Contemporary Hong Kong: Society	3
SOSC	1800**	Understanding Chinese Society	3
SOSC	1810	Sociology of the Family	3
SOSC	1840	Government, Law and Society in China	3
SOSC	1850	Understanding Society	3
SOSC	1960	Discovering Mind and Behavior	3
SOSC	1980	Psychology and Everyday Life	3
SOSC	2000E	Community/Social Service Project	3
SOSC	2210	Social Psychology	3
SOSC	2740	Gender and Society	3
SOSC	2960	Educational Psychology	3
SOSC	2980	Personality Psychology	3
SOSC	2990**	Psychology of Adolescence and Adulthood	3
SOSC	3250	Gender and Development	3
SOSC	3880	Social Inequality and Social Mobility	3
Technology and Environment			
HUMA	2012**	Chinese Language, Logic, and Science	3
HUMA	2595	Science, Technology and Modern Life	3
HUMA	2621	Culture and Environment	3
HUMA	3040	Study of the Modern Chinese Writing System	3
HUMA	3680	Contemporary Architecture: The Pritzker Prize Winners	3
SOSC	1110	Science, Technology and Society	3
SOSC	1130	Science, Technology and Business	3
SOSC	1170	Environmental and Energy Governance in China	3
SOSC	1780	Population and Development in China	3
SOSC	1860	Population and Society	3
SOSC	2000D	Environmental Politics	3
SOSC	2010	Environment and Society	3
SOSC	2170	Environment, Sustainability and Business: A Design Approach	3
SOSC	2310	Introductory Environmental and Health Economics	3
SOSC	3000E	Food Policy for Developing Countries	3
SOSC	3110	Innovation and Technology in Hong Kong	3
SOSC	3150	Science, Technology and Environment	3
SOSC	3160**	Gender, Development and Fertility	3
SOSC	3180**	Sustainable Development	3
SOSC	3190**	Population Aging, Mortality and Health	3

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SOSC	3260	Sustainability Science: Policy Problems and Perspectives	3
SOSC	3540	Environmental Psychology	3
SOSC	3620	Critical Urban Studies	3
SOSC	4320	Policy Analysis and Design for Sustainable Development	3

****Remarks on course(s):**

- HUMA 1101: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 1103: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 1200: The course was last offered in 2014-15 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 1450: The course was last offered in 2012-13 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 1550: The course was last offered in 2012-13 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 1621: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2012: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2230: The course was last offered in 2016-17 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2270: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2480: The course was last offered in 2016-17 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2481: The course was last offered in 2013-14 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2570: The course was last offered in 2014-15 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2580: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2620: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2622: The course was last offered in 2015-16 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 2633: The course will be deleted in Fall, 2018-19.
- HUMA 3421: The course was last offered in 2009-10 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 3530: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 3550: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 3620: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 4200: The course was last offered in 2010-11 and was deleted subsequently.
- HUMA 4470: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 1030: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 1250: The course was last offered in 2009-10 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 1290: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 1800: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 1870: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 2800: The course was last offered in 2008-09 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 2990: The course was last offered in 2012-13 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 3160: The course was last offered in 2011-12 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 3170: The course was last offered in 2012-13 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 3180: The course was last offered in 2012-13 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 3190: The course was last offered in 2009-10 and was deleted subsequently.