

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG****Bachelor of Arts Programme in Chinese Language and Literature****CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT**

The Chinese Language and Literature Programme features a variety of courses that fall into four distinctive categories. A range of 120-180 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) is the norm for a 6-credit course. Students must complete 240-360 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) for a 12-credit course. Contact hours are in a range of 24-36 hours for a 6-credit course. Contact hours for 12-credit Research courses are minimal (6-12 hours) because students do independent research work under the guidance of a supervisor. As a general guide, regardless of the teaching method used, the total output should be 6,000-8,000 characters for a 6-credit course; and should not be more than 15,000 Chinese characters for a 12-credit course. Most courses are assessed 100% by continuous assessment, though examinations may comprise up to 60% of assessment in some courses. Output requirements for courses where the performance of students is evaluated with 100% continuous assessment may include contributions to group projects in addition to essays, reviews, journals and research papers. The following types of courses are offered in the Programme:

**1. *Introductory courses* (6 credits)**

One of the main purposes of these first-year courses is to introduce students to the skills essential to the discipline. These courses are taught using a combination of lectures and tutorials. The main forms of assessment are student portfolios and short weekly assignments, usually with a combined output requirement of 6,000 – 8,000 Chinese characters in total.

**2. *Lecture courses* (6 credits)**

These courses are intended primarily to familiarize students with the characteristic features of Chinese language and literature. The principal modes of teaching are lectures, workshops and tutorials. Students are normally required to submit written outputs of not more than 8,000 Chinese characters in total.

**3. *Seminar courses* (6 credits)**

With a heavy emphasis on student involvement in discussions, exchanges and research activities, these courses consist of a combination of lectures and seminars that provide a platform for dialogue and debate. As a means of assessment, students are required to submit written outputs of not more than 8,000 Chinese characters in total and to take part in seminar presentations on topics of their own choice.

**4. *Research courses: capstone* (6 credits; 12 credits)**

The primary focus of these courses is on developing students' skills by conducting scholarly investigations into particular topics. The major task students undertake is research and writing. The finished product will usually be in the form of a research report of not more than 8,000 Chinese characters in total for a 6-credit course and not more than 15,000 Chinese characters in total for a research report or dissertation for a 12-credit course.