

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Bachelor of Arts Programme in Hong Kong Studies

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

Hong Kong Studies is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at giving students a broad-based education on Hong Kong—its language, culture, history, society, economy, governance, environment, and people. The programme, which offers both a major and a minor, combines the perspectives and curricular strengths of a variety of disciplines, including literature, linguistics, fine arts, history, philosophy, religion, anthropology, sociology, politics, economics, journalism and communications.

Most Hong Kong Studies courses are 6-credit courses and normally involve 24-36 contact hours and 150 hours of student learning activity, including lectures, tutorials and all other forms of activity. All the courses are assessed through 100% continuous coursework.

1. Introductory course (6 credits)

This course introduces students to an interdisciplinary approach to Hong Kong studies and showcases the best of contemporary international scholarship on Hong Kong. Assessment items and tasks include essays, projects, weekly assignments, and in-class performance. Assessment varies from in-class tests to short assignments to research papers with a written output of 3,000-5,000 words in total.

2. Seminar courses (6 credits)

These courses survey the international scholarship on Hong Kong in the context of historical and contemporary social issues. Emphasising methodological issues and disciplinary dialogues, the courses encourage students to reflect on the historical and political conditions of knowledge production while training students in innovative and boundary-crossing modes of inquiry. These courses involve approximately 24 hours of lectures and 6-8 hours of seminars. Assessment items and tasks include essays, presentations, weekly assignments, and in-class performance. Assessment ranges from oral presentations to research papers with an output of no more than 3,000-5,000 words in total for each course.

3. Research course: Capstone (6 credits)

The Hong Kong Studies research project is a capstone experience for students in terms of their development of research and analytical skills. It entails in-depth research by the student on a pertinent topic relating to Hong Kong affairs which is previously approved and supervised by a member of staff of the Hong Kong Studies Programme. The course involves approximately 6-12 contact hours, which include an induction workshop, supervision and continuous feedback on draft materials. The research paper (3,000-5,000 words) comprises research findings as well as an extensive bibliography.