

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Arts in the Field of Chinese Language and Literature

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

The Master of Arts in Chinese Language and Literature curriculum consists of 8 elective courses (including lecture and seminar courses) and a dissertation as the capstone experience. A range of 120-180 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) is the norm for a 6-credit course. Students must complete 240-360 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) for the 12-credit dissertation. Contact hours are in a range of 24-36 hours for a 6-credit course. Contact hours are normally in a range of 12-24 hours for the dissertation since students will do independent research work under the guidance of a supervisor. The curriculum has a minimum study load of 1,200 hours, of which a minimum of 240 are contact hours.

1. Lecture courses (6 credits)

These courses are intended to familiarize students with the latest trends in and the methodological approaches to the study of Chinese language and literature. The principal mode of teaching is lectures. Students are normally required to submit written outputs of not less than 4,500 Chinese characters in total for each course. Assessment for all courses is by 100% coursework.

2. Seminar course (6 credits)

The seminar course aims at facilitating students to have interchange of ideas with peers and teachers and familiarizing them with methodology and knowledge to conduct independent academic research. The mode of teaching is seminars supplemented by a few lectures on research methods. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the forms of oral presentation and discussion, either personal or in groups, and an individual written report of not less than 2,000 Chinese characters.

3. Capstone Experience: Dissertation (12 credits)

The primary focus is on preparing students to engage in independent scholarly activities by honing their research and presentation skills. The major task students undertake is research and writing under the supervision of a teacher. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the form of a dissertation of not less than 10,000 Chinese characters or 8,000 words in English.