



Faculty of Arts

Available Major and Minor Options (Quick Glance)

(For Non-Arts Faculty Students)

Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Studies• China Studies (Arts Stream)• Chinese History and Culture• Chinese Language and Literature• Chinese Studies• Comparative Literature• English Studies• European Studies• Fine Arts• French• General Linguistics• German• Global Creative Industries• History• Hong Kong Studies• Japanese Studies (Japan Studies Programme)• Japanese Studies (Japanese Language Programme)• Korean Studies• Language and Communication• Music• Philosophy• Spanish• Translation

Minors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Studies• American Studies• Arabic• China Studies (Arts Stream)• Chinese History and Culture• Chinese Language and Literature• Chinese Studies• Comparative Literature• English Studies• European Studies• Fine Arts• French• General Linguistics• German• Global Creative Industries• Greek• History• Hong Kong Studies• Italian• Japanese Culture• Japanese Language• Korean Studies• Language and Communication• Music• Philosophy• Portuguese• Spanish• Swedish• Thai• Translation

For details, please refer to individual factsheets.



Faculty of Arts English Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>English Studies is the study and critique of the English language and its many uses in social and historical contexts from multiple perspectives, including linguistics, literary study, creative writing, and critical and cultural theory. It has a strong cross-cultural orientation, recognizing English as a language of global communication and world literature, a language which people make their own, creatively and habitually, all over the world. It offers students both a solid foundation and a wide range of choices in various concentrations. Introductory courses emphasize the practice of critical reading, analysis and writing, as well as the development of historical and theoretical knowledge. Advanced courses focus on English language and literature as representations of culture and society in diverse historical contexts, on the production of meaning in different discursive contexts, genres and media, and on the place of English in relation to histories of colonization and globalization with special reference to Hong Kong and the region. A range of capstone courses, including research seminars, internships and senior colloquia, offer students opportunities to integrate and deploy their learning in the major while considering their options upon graduation. The courses of the English Studies major incorporate a variety of teaching and learning methods, including formal lectures, seminars, small group tutorials, workshops, and online learning. They are mostly assessed by coursework, including oral presentations, in-class tests and quizzes, essays and research projects and portfolios. They are designed to provide students with skills of accurate and historically sensitive analysis, critical reading and thinking, and clear and coherent argument in both writing and speaking.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of English	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:	<u>Major:</u> 6 credits of introductory ENGL courses from List A <u>Minor:</u> 6 credits of introductory ENGL courses from List A
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with the School of English, Faculty of Arts or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.english.hku.hk/4yres.htm
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Faculty of Arts Language and Communication

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>Language and Communication (L&C), an interdisciplinary programme within the Faculty of Arts, centres on the study and use of language in society in a multilingual, globalized world, with a particular focus on languages of global import, such as English, as well as those with local significance, in how they are appropriated and positioned in multilingual, cosmopolitan contexts of Asia. The programme provides the theoretical foundations and applied contexts for understanding and addressing linguistic and social questions of language and communication. It equips students with the intellectual and practical tools to critically examine, intelligently reflect on, and competently participate in communicative situations, in real-world contexts, such as in the workplace as well as in more informal sites of multilingual communication. The L&C programme takes particular pride in engaging in experiential learning, from projects in courses involving fieldwork in Hong Kong, to initiatives such as overseas field trips and internships. In addressing the need in society for linguistically versatile and culturally sensitive leaders in the 21st-century knowledge economy of Asia's world city and beyond, the programme aims at honing transferable skills for a wide range of careers, including education, materials development, editing and publishing, public administration, public relations, marketing, the media, event organization, tourism, cultural affairs and global creative industries.</p>	
Offering School:	School of English	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major</u>: 6 credits of introductory LCOM courses from List A</p> <p><u>Minor</u>: 6 credits of introductory LCOM courses from List A</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with the School of English, Faculty of Arts or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.english.hku.hk/4yrlangcom.htm
Contact:	<p>T: 3917 2755</p> <p>E: tamix@hku.hk</p>

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Faculty of Arts Chinese History and Culture

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The School of Chinese offers courses in Chinese language, literature, history, and culture as well as translation which appeal to those with a particular interest in study of Chinese and the literary and cultural interaction with the modern world. Courses are normally taught in Chinese. Students following these courses will develop a great language and analytical ability combined with a breadth of knowledge of and cultural and literary approaches in Chinese studies.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Chinese	
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor :	<u>Major:</u> any 6-credit course with a prefix CHIN12xx (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 18) <u>Minor:</u> any 6-credit course with a prefix CHIN12xx (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12) For details, please check with the School of Chinese.	
Career opportunities:	The training is particularly relevant in careers like education and commerce, press and publishing, civil and community services. For further information, please check with School of Chinese, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)	
Further information:	http://web.chinese.hku.hk/handbook/handbook2014_15.pdf	
Contact:	T: 3917 1199 E: chinese@hku.hk	

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Faculty of Arts Chinese Language and Literature

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The School of Chinese offers courses in Chinese language, literature, history, and culture as well as translation which appeal to those with a particular interest in study of Chinese and the literary and cultural interaction with the modern world. Courses are normally taught in Chinese. Students following these courses will develop a great language and analytical ability combined with a breadth of knowledge of and cultural and literary approaches in Chinese studies.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Chinese	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:	<u>Major:</u> CHIN1101 or CHIN1105 (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 18) <u>Minor:</u> CHIN1101 or CHIN1105 (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12) For details, please check with the School of Chinese.
Career opportunities:	The training is particularly relevant in careers like education and commerce, press and publishing, civil and community services. For further information, please check with School of Chinese, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
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Faculty of Arts Chinese Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The School of Chinese offers courses in Chinese language, literature, history, and culture as well as translation which appeal to those with a particular interest in study of Chinese and the literary and cultural interaction with the modern world. Courses are normally taught in Chinese. Students following these courses will develop a great language and analytical ability combined with a breadth of knowledge of and cultural and literary approaches in Chinese studies.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Chinese	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor :	<u>Major:</u> CHIN1101 or CHIN1105 or any 6-credit course with a prefix CHIN12xx (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 18) <u>Minor:</u> CHIN1101 or CHIN1105 or any 6-credit course with a prefix CHIN12xx (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12) For details, please check with the School of Chinese.
Career opportunities:	The training is particularly relevant in careers like education and commerce, press and publishing, civil and community services. For further information, please check with School of Chinese, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://web.chinese.hku.hk/handbook/handbook2014_15.pdf
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Faculty of Arts Translation

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
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What is it about?	The School of Chinese offers courses in Chinese language, literature, history, and culture as well as translation which appeal to those with a particular interest in study of Chinese and the literary and cultural interaction with the modern world. Courses are normally taught in Chinese. Students following these courses will develop a great language and analytical ability combined with a breadth of knowledge of and cultural and literary approaches in Chinese studies.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Chinese	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> CHIN1311 in which students are expected to achieve a grade C or above (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 30 (incl. CHIN2336, CHIN2361 and CHIN2362))</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> CHIN1311 (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12 from List 1 or 2)</p> <p>For details, please check with School of Chinese.</p>
Career opportunities:	<p>The training is particularly relevant in careers like education and commerce, press and publishing, civil and community services.</p> <p>For further information, please check with School of Chinese or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)</p>
Further information:	<p>http://web.chinese.hku.hk/handbook/handbook2014_15.pdf</p>
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Faculty of Arts
American Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>As a Major or Minor in the Programme, you will develop an understanding of the United States in a global context and appreciate how contemporary popular culture grows out of important historical events of the distance and recent past. By nature, the Programme's courses are interdisciplinary and include films, history, law, literature, politics and the visual arts. Through the study of America's multicultural energy, students learn about more than the United States—students also grow to understand general concepts of <i>nationalism, imperialism, colonialism, and print culture</i> as well as theories of <i>class, gender, race, and sexuality</i>. We will encourage you to become a confident interpreter of the world who analyzes with care and rigor the various modes of communication, from novels, poetry, photography and movies, to legal documents, news magazines, television shows, and the internet. The curriculum also includes an intensive field trip to the United States during the summer.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:	<p><u>Major:</u> AMER1050 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 12</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> AMER1050</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>	
Career opportunities:	<p>Many SMLC students aspire to work in international corporations upon their graduation. For further information, please check with SMLC , Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)</p>	
Further information:	<p>http://www.amstudy.hku.hk/</p>	
Contact:	<p>T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk</p>	

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Faculty of Arts China Studies (Arts stream)

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The China Studies addresses the growing interest in the academic study of China (including Taiwan and Hong Kong/Macau) from a multi-disciplinary approach that includes both humanities and social sciences. Given China's place in the world today an intensive study of the country and its peoples that focuses on its history, language, culture, politics, economics and society is crucial. Students as they prepare for their future careers will benefit from multi-disciplinary knowledge of historical and social change and development in China informed by rigorous empirical research in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to rigorous training in China studies, the programme also allows students a) to integrate a possible second major with a better understanding of China as an empirical case, and b) to develop their interest as well as to enhance their academic ability in area studies.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:	<i>Major:</i> SINO1001 and SINO1002 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 12 <i>Minor:</i> SINO1001 and SINO1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.chinast.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts European Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>The European Studies Programme is an interdisciplinary area studies programme which focuses on European politics and governance, history and culture, Europe's economy and its role in the world, as well as its intellectual tradition, philosophy, and literature. The programme provides a comprehensive and holistic introduction to Europe and the European tradition. This programme is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop their expertise on European affairs, acquire sound knowledge of key developments in human history and institutions that emanated from Europe, critically reflect on the contemporary challenges Europe faces, assess the changing ways how Europe has engaged with the world including Asia and China, and analyze and apply the ideas and philosophical traditions that emerge out of Europe. The focus is on interdisciplinary learning. There is also a language requirement which enables students to become conversant in one European language of their choice, thereby allowing for a more concise appreciation of the culture and society of one particular European country.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor :	<p><u>Major:</u> EUST1010 Two language core courses at introductory level totaling 12 credits</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> EUST1010</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.europe.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts French

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The objective of the French programme is to bring participants to a high level of proficiency in the language and to acquire a sound knowledge of French society and culture as well as of the French-speaking world. The French programme is offered both as a major and a minor.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Major:</i> FREN1001 and FREN1002 and students are expected to achieve a grade C- or above in FREN1002 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 6 <i>Minor:</i> FREN1001 and FREN1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.french.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts German

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The B.A. Major in German provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of both spoken and written German. In addition to the acquisition of these linguistic skills students will be introduced to a wide range of aspects of contemporary German society and culture through the study of numerous multimedia materials and documents in the target language that will be included in the advanced courses in area studies, translation, linguistics and literature. The German programme is offered both as a major and a minor.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Major:</i> GRMN1001 and GRMN1002 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 6 <i>Minor:</i> GRMN1001 and GRMN1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.smlc.hku.hk/german/sd_/index.php
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts
Global Creative Industries

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>The Global Creative Industries Major constitutes an interdisciplinary framework to the study of the complex relation and interaction between commerce and culture. It examines and analyzes the intertwined cultural, economic, social and political forces behind the commercialization of creativity and the culturalization of commerce at an industry-level. Through its global and comparative emphasis, the programme aims primarily to engage students in examining different perspectives on culture and to reflect critically on its changing roles, forms and contents in today's society in which culture and commerce increasingly overlap with each other. This programme provides an East-West global framework to the comparative study of the creative industries in Asia and the West. It provides students with a panoramic view of the emergence, development and prospect of the creative industries at the global, regional, national as well as local levels. It aims to examine the broader system of production, distribution, marketing, consumption, and regulation of the key creative industries including but not limited to advertising, fashion, art, antiques and crafts, publishing, music, performing arts, digital entertainment, design, film and video, software and computing, and television and radio.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><i>Major:</i> GCIN1001 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 12</p> <p><i>Minor:</i> GCIN1001</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.gcip.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Hong Kong Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>Hong Kong Studies is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at giving students a broad-based education on Hong Kong—its society, culture, creative industries, economy, politics, history and environment. The programme combines the perspectives and curricular strengths of a variety of disciplines, including literature, art history, history, sociology, politics, economics, journalism and communications.</p> <p>The goal for Hong Kong Studies is to adopt a “problem-based” approach where students engage with core issues in Hong Kong’s evolution such as the interaction between citizens/subjects and rulers (imperial, colonial, communist); the importance of symbols in creating Hong Kong identity within colonial and communist eras; Hong Kong’s global influence as a cultural and financial hub; the role of Chinese tradition in creating new meanings for modern Hong Kong; the role of Hong Kong as a transition zone for ideas, capital and people. Graduates will be prepared to enter a wide range of careers in the public and private sectors in which a comprehensive and sophisticated understanding of Hong Kong is essential to success.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> HKGS1001 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 12</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> HKGS1001</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>	
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)	
Further information:	http://www.hkstudy.hku.hk/	
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk	

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Faculty of Arts Korean Studies

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The Korean Studies Programme provides a multi-faceted approach to the study of Korean language and culture. Students will not only learn Korean, but will also get an insight into Korean history, society, film, popular culture, politics, and geography. All courses focus mainly on contemporary Korea and use a variety of approaches and media.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Major:</i> KORE1001, KORE1021 and students are required to achieve a grade C or above in KORE1002 <i>Minor:</i> KORE1001 and KORE1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.korean.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Spanish

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The objective of the Spanish programme is to bring participants to a high level of proficiency in the language as well as to provide them with a sound knowledge of the society and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. The Spanish programme is offered both as a major and a minor.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Major:</i> SPAN1001 and a grade C- or above in SPAN1002 Additional introductory credits: Any Arts programme: 6 <i>Minor:</i> SPAN1001 and SPAN1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.spanish.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Japanese Studies (Japan Studies Programme)

Offered As:	✓ Major
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	Japan Studies is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at giving students a broad-based education on Japan—its language, culture, history, society, economy, governance, environment, and people. The programme combines the perspectives and curricular strengths of a variety of disciplines, including literature, linguistics, art history, history, anthropology, sociology, geography, politics, international relations, economics, journalism and popular culture.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> Without prior knowledge in Japanese: JAPN1011 and JAPN1088 and JAPN1099; With prior knowledge in Japanese: JAPN1011 and JAPN1188 and JAPN1199</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>
Career opportunities:	Graduates will be prepared to enter a wide range of careers in the public and private sectors in which a comprehensive and sophisticated understanding of Japan is essential to success. For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.japanese.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Japanese Studies (Japanese Language Programme)

Offered As:	✓ Major
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The Japanese Language Programme provides students with well-balanced instruction in speaking, writing, listening, and reading from basic to high levels of proficiency. The courses are designed with proficiency-oriented language learning in mind, and coursework includes task-based activities that enhance the development of students' communicative abilities in Japanese. Many of the Japanese language courses also aim at the training of "Japanese for specific purposes" such as business Japanese, translation, and interpretation.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> Without prior knowledge in Japanese: JAPN1011 and JAPN1088 and JAPN1099; With prior knowledge in Japanese: JAPN1011 and JAPN1188 and JAPN1199</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.japanese.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Japanese Culture

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The programme aimed at giving students a broad-based education on Japan—its language, culture, history, society, economy, governance, environment, and people. It combines the perspectives and curricular strengths of a variety of disciplines, including literature, linguistics, art history, history, anthropology, sociology, geography, politics, international relations, economics, journalism and popular culture.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> JAPN1011 For further details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.japanese.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917-2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Japanese Language

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The Japanese Language Programme provides students with well-balanced instruction in speaking, writing, listening, and reading from basic to high levels of proficiency. The courses are designed with proficiency-oriented language learning in mind, and coursework includes task-based activities that enhance the development of students' communicative abilities in Japanese.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> Students with no prior qualifications in the Japanese languages: JAPN1088 and JAPN1099; Students with prior qualifications in the Japanese languages: JAPN1188 and JAPN1199 For further details, please check with Department of Japanese Studies.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with Department of Japanese Studies or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.japanese.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917-2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Greek

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The minor in Greek aims to give students a good command of Greek in the four skill areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as to provide them with an in-depth understanding of contemporary societies and cultures in Greece and Cyprus.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> GREK1001 and GREK1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.greek.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Portuguese

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The objective of the Portuguese programme is to raise participants' proficiency in Portuguese language to a high level while acquiring a solid grounding of knowledge of the Lusophone world. The Portuguese programme is offered as a minor.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> PORT1001 and PORT1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.portuguese.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Swedish

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The objective of the Swedish programme is to bring students to a proficient level in the language and gain a good command of the four language skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing and to acquire a sound knowledge of Swedish culture and society as well. The Swedish programme is offered as a minor.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> SWED1001 and SWED1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.swedish.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Thai

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The objective of the Thai programme is to bring participants to a high level of proficiency in the language and to acquire a sound knowledge of Thai society and culture as well as of the Thai-speaking part of the world.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> THAI1001 and THAI1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.thai.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Arabic

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	<p>Arabic is a language spoken in more than 20 countries throughout the Arabian Peninsula. It is the first language of over 196 million people and another 35 million people speak it as their second language. Modern Standard Arabic is the official language throughout the Arab world. Its written form is relatively consistent across national boundaries.</p> <p>Arabic belongs to the Semitic family of languages, and it is written from right to left as Hebrew. It is also the language of Islam, one of the world's major religions, which has a literary tradition that goes back to before the 7th century. In fact, the spread of Islam transformed the regions of Northern Africa and the Middle East into Arabic-speaking areas within a century of its founding. In later centuries, Arabic was even more widespread in parts of Europe and Asia following additional Arab conquests.</p>
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Minor:</u> ARAB1001 and ARAB1002</p> <p>For details, please check with SMLC.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.arabic.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Italian

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The Italian programme is designed to provide students with a good command of the Italian language in the four skills areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as to provide them with an in-depth understanding of Italian society and culture.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures (SMLC)

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> ITAL1001 and ITAL1002 For details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.italian.hku.hk/
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts African Studies

Offered As:	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓
What is it about?	The African Studies Programme at the University of Hong Kong offers a Bachelor of Arts Minor in African Studies, through which students can explore Africa as a study area from interdisciplinary perspectives.
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	School of Modern Languages and Cultures

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<i>Minor:</i> AFRI1001 or CCGL9013 Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12 (may incl. FINE2057) For further details, please check with SMLC.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with SMLC or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.african.hku.hk
Contact:	T: 3917 2000 E: smlc@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Comparative Literature

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>Courses offered by comparative literature study a wide range of texts in terms of form, content and context. Students learn to read culture by analyzing literary texts and other forms of writing, films, and other socio-cultural phenomena, from the city and its multiple spaces and communities to the media and popular culture, and in a range of national and international contexts. Specific emphasis will be placed on the significance of historical knowledge to the analysis of culture. Texts are studied in English, though texts in Chinese are used in cross-cultural studies and Hong Kong/Chinese cultural studies.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	Department of Comparative Literature , School of Humanities	
Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor :	<p><u>Major:</u> CLIT1008 or CLIT1009 or CLIT1010 and students are expected to achieve a grade C or above (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 12-24 (incl. CLIT2001 and CLIT2094); Any Arts programme: 0-12)</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> CLIT1008 or CLIT1009 or CLIT1010</p> <p>For details, please check with the Department of Comparative Literature.</p>	
Career opportunities:	<p>Comparative Literature major provides a strong Liberal Arts education and a basis for professional and graduate study as well as employment across the spectrum of opportunity in the public and private spheres. Many of their graduates have taken up jobs in fields such as civil service, teaching, journalism, arts management, as well as culture and media industry. For further information, please check with the Department of Comparative Literature, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)</p>	
Further information:	http://www.complit.hku.hk/undergrad/studyprogramme.html	
Contact:	<p>T: 3917 2769 E: complit@hku.hk</p>	

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Faculty of Arts Fine Arts

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The Department of Fine Arts teaches the history and theory of art, including painting, calligraphy, sculpture, architecture, photography, conceptual art, and related visual media. Courses examine European, American, Chinese, Japanese, and Indian artistic traditions in depth. Several courses focus on specialized skills related to museum studies. Students may major or minor in Fine Arts and will discover many fruitful combinations between Fine Arts and other disciplines inside and outside the Arts Faculty.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	Department of Fine Arts, School of Humanities	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor :	<p><u>Major:</u> one 6-credit Fine Arts course at the 1000-level (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 0-12; Any Arts programme: 0-12)</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> one 6-credit Fine Arts course at the 1000-level</p> <p>For details, please check with the Department of Fine Arts or the School of Humanities.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with the Department of Fine Arts, School of Humanities, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement).
Further information:	http://finearts.hku.hk/finearts/undergraduate/programme-requirements/
Contact:	T: 3917-7040 E: finearts@hkucc.hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts General Linguistics

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>In the Department of Linguistics, students can investigate a variety of different languages and through such investigations, come to a better understanding of the shared structure and broad variation of the world's languages. The BA programme provides a firm foundation so that those students who wish to do so can go on to pursue advanced studies in linguistics. The undergraduate programme in Linguistics permits students to combine in a single field a variety of Arts and Social Science subjects and to develop their analytic skills in depth. Students are encouraged to explore with members of staff the many relationships of linguistics with other fields in order to discover the programme that best suits their individual goals and interests.</p>	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	Department of Linguistics, School of Humanities	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> LING1000 and students are expected to achieve a grade C- or above (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 18-30)</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> LING1000 (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 12)</p> <p>For details, please check with the Department of Linguistics, School of Humanities.</p>
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with the Department of Linguistics, School of Humanities, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.linguistics.hku.hk/index.php?n=UG.4-YearCurriculum
Contact:	<p>T: 3917 8606</p> <p>E: linguist@hkucc.hku.hk</p>

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Faculty of Arts History

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The history programme at HKU is a carefully designed curriculum that gives students a broad general knowledge of history with necessary skills of historical analysis, writing and research. Courses in the Department of History are open both to B.A. students who wish to major in History and to other students in the Faculty of Arts who are not taking, or intending to take, History as a major. Students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and other faculties are also welcome in most courses offered by the Department of History, and a public examination result in History is not a prerequisite for any first-year course. The programme is offered both as major and minor. It consists of introductory and advanced courses.	
Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:	History Department, School of Humanities	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<u>Major:</u> one 6-credit History course at the 1000-level (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 0-12; Any Arts programme: 0-12) <u>Minor:</u> one 6-credit History course at the 1000-level For details, please check with History Department, School of Humanities.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with History Department, School of Humanities, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.history.hku.hk/undergraduate/major.html http://www.history.hku.hk/undergraduate/minor.html
Contact:	T: 3917 2874 E: history@hkucc.hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Music

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	The Department of Music offers courses designed to meet the needs of students reading for a degree with either a specialist or non-specialist emphasis on music. Its curriculum has been designed with the following aims in mind: 1. To deepen students' understanding of the functions, concepts, structures, and values of music and its role in society; 2. To broaden students' knowledge of the diverse musical cultures of the world and their histories, styles, and ideas; 3. To train students to think critically about music and equip them with the verbal skills which will enable them to articulate their thinking; 4. To promote creative activity in the composition and performance of music as a mode of discourse that uniquely complements other modes of discourse in the humanities; 5. To provide a comprehensive education that integrates the activities of scholarship, composition, and performance, connecting them to the larger world of learning in the humanities, the sciences, and commerce. The curriculum consists of a series of courses covering a wide range of topics and approaches at introductory and advanced levels. Cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary interests are particularly encouraged.	
Offering School:	Department of Music, School of Humanities	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<u>Major:</u> MUSI1004 and MUSI1023 (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 0-6; Any Arts programme: 0-6) <u>Minor:</u> MUSI1004 and MUSI2071 (Additional introductory credits: The respective minor programme: 0-6) For details, please check with the Department of Music, School of Humanities.
Career opportunities:	For further information, please check with the Department of Music or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)
Further information:	http://www.music.hku.hk/undergraduate/1st-year.html
Contact:	T: 3917 7045 / 3917 8220 E: music@hku.hk / younkim@hku.hk

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Faculty of Arts Philosophy

Offered As:	✓ Major	✓ Minor
*Open to students of other Faculties:	✓	
What is it about?	<p>Studying philosophy trains you to think critically, creatively, and independently. It provides excellent preparation for work in a variety of professions. Philosophy graduates hold important positions in government, business, education, journalism, and many other fields. The syllabus of the Philosophy Department enables students to take a small amount of philosophy (in any year of study, without prerequisites), to major in philosophy, to take a double major, combining philosophy with another Arts or Social Sciences discipline, or to take a minor in philosophy. The Department recommend that students complete PHIL1012 or PHIL1034 before enrolling in upper-level courses, but students who have not done so may enroll with the permission of the instructor. Philosophy majors and minors are required to take one of these courses as a prerequisite for the major and minor. Courses are generally organized as lectures or seminars and typically include tutorials. Particular importance is attached to tutorial participation. A distinctive part of a university education is developing the ability to formulate and defend one's own ideas. The philosophy syllabus and its approach to teaching is guided by this principle.</p>	
Offering School:	Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities	

Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor	<p><u>Major:</u> PHIL1012 or PHIL1034 (Additional introductory credits: The respective major programme: 0-12; Any Arts programme: 0-12)</p> <p><u>Minor:</u> PHIL1012 or PHIL1034</p> <p>For details, please check with the Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities.</p>
Career opportunities:	<p>Philosophy graduates hold important positions in government, business, education, journalism, and many other fields. For further information, please check with the Department of Philosophy or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)</p>
Further information:	<p>http://philosophy.hku.hk/?n=Main.Syllabus</p>
Contact:	<p>T: 39172796 E: philosophy@hku.hk</p>

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