A good plan is half way to success. Make a list of learning experiences that you want to gain when you graduate and schedule them into different years of study.

Academic Attainment:
- First Major _______________
- Second Major _______________
- Minor _______________

Other Learning experiences: e.g.
- □ Exchange/Study Abroad
- □ Internship
- □ Service Learning
- □ Mentorship
- □ Research Project
- □ Foreign language

HKU Horizons Activities:
- □ Mainland
- □ International

A typical 4-year programme:

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Total Number of Required Credits: 240
Some Quick Facts to Know when You Plan for Your Studies

Study Load:
- The University recommends students to take 24-30 credits in one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by their Faculty. Students can take up to 36 credits in one semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in an academic year.
- If you wish to underload (registering for fewer than 24 credits) or overload (registering for more than 36 credits in one semester or more than 72 credits in one academic year), you have to send your application to your Faculty for approval.

Language Requirements:
- English*: 12 Credits (6 credits in Core University English, usually taken in Year 1; and 6 Credits in English in the Discipline, usually taken in Year 2)
- Chinese: 6 Credits (usually in Year 3 or 4)
- For exemptions and special arrangements for international / Putonghua-speaking students, please consult your Faculty Office.

* There is a new arrangement for CAES1000 course for the 2018 cohort of students and thereafter. Students with level 5 or above in HKDSE English, or non-JUPAS students with equivalent qualification, can choose whether or not to take CAES1000. If they wish to take it, just enroll for it in SIS, no prior application is needed; if they do not wish to take it, a free elective course in lieu is needed. The System will, by around Aug 30, automatically assign a CAES1000 class to those who need to take it but have not enrolled for it yet and those who have attempted to enroll for it but have not been successful yet.

Common Core:
- Most students are required to take 36 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry.
- Students are not allowed to select more than 24 credits of Common Core courses within one academic year, except for those who are required to make up for failed credits.
- Please pay special attention to the non-permissible combinations of courses and individual faculty requirements. For details, please visit the Common Core website (http://commoncore.hku.hk) and/or consult your home Faculty Office.

Grading System and Honours Classification:

Disclaimer: Information given is for reference only and is applicable to students admitted under the 4-year (2012) curriculum and thereafter in general. There might be different policies and practices with regard to individual curriculum structures. If in doubt or wish to have further details, please consult the Faculty Offices concerned.

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