

Academic Curriculum of the Undergraduate Programmes

(applicable to students admitted in 2020-21 and thereafter)

(This Academic Curriculum of the Undergraduate Programmes shall not be applicable to students admitted in the Clinical Medicine Programme.)

The undergraduate curriculum is built upon a credit unit system, with flexibility and choices both in the selection of courses and in the sequence and pace of electives. Students may, based on individual circumstances and interest, tailor the progress of their studies. Those who have completed the required number of course units, and satisfy the graduation requirements of the major programme and of the University, will be considered for the award of a Bachelor's degree.

The University's Bachelor's degrees are classified as: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Upper Division, Second Class Honours Lower Division, Third Class Honours, and Pass. Degree classification is based on the students' grade point averages for Major courses and for all other courses.

The normative period of study is four years and students have to complete 120 units and satisfy requirements under separate. The overall curriculum structure is as follows:

Component		Course Code	Subject	Units	Total
University Core	Language ^(a) (15 units)	CHI1000	Chinese	3	36
		ENG1001	English Bridge Program (EBP)	3	
		ENG1002	English for Academic Purposes I	3	
		ENG2001	English for Academic Purposes II	3	
		ENG2002B (For SME students)	English for Business Communication	3	
		ENG2002S (For SSE, SDS, LHS students)	English for Science and Engineering Communication	3	
		ENG2002H (For HSS non-language major students)	English Communication for Humanities and Social Sciences	3	

		University Core English courses that are required for students who major in language programmes offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science:		
		ENL1001	Listening and Speaking for Language Majors I	3
		ENL1002	Listening and Speaking for Language Majors II	3
		ENL1003	Reading and Writing for Language Majors I	3
		ENL1004	Reading and Writing for Language Majors II	3
	IT (1 unit)	ITE1000	Information Technology	1
	PE and Health (2 units)	PED1001	Physical Education	1
		PED1002	Fitness and Health	1
	GE (18 units)	GFH1000	Foundation: In Dialogue with Humanity	3
		GFN1000	Foundation: In Dialogue with Nature	3
		GEA	Area A: Chinese Cultural Heritage	3
		GEB	Area B: Nature, Science and Technology	3
		GEC	Area C: Society and Culture	3
		GED	Area D: Self and Humanity	3
		GEW ^(c)	Area W: Wide Area	-
Major requirement ^(b) (much of this to be common across several Majors)				72
Free electives				12
Total:				120
Note:				
(a) A condensed version of policies on exemption from University Core English requirements can be referred to Annex 1 and Annex 2. For detailed policies in this regard, please consult the School of Humanities and Social Science for more information.				

(b) Reduced for some programmes where students are required to take more GE or free electives.

(c) The GEW courses are not compulsory for fulfilling the graduation requirements of University Core Courses. Students may submit application for declaring some units as Free Elective (up to 6 units) after completion of GEW courses.

Exemption by Equivalence of Courses from University Core English Requirements

A student who has been approved for change of major, the relevant University Core (U-core) English courses required for the new major, will be automatically exempted by the equivalent courses the student has taken and passed in the previous academic years at CUHK(SZ). The credit units the student has garnered from taking equivalent English courses will be automatically transferred.

U-core English Course(s) to be Exempted	Equivalent Course(s)
ENG1001	ENG1001T
ENG1002	ENG1002T
ENG2001	ENG2001T
ENG1001T	ENG1001
ENG1002T	ENG1002
ENG2001T	ENG2001
ENG2002B	ENG2002S/H/T
ENG2002S	ENG2002B/H/T
ENG2002H	ENG2002B/S/T
ENG2002T	ENG2002B/S/H
ENG1001 and ENG1002 (combined)	ENL1001 and ENL1003 (combined)
ENG2001 and ENG2002B/S/H (combined)	ENL1002 and ENL1004 (combined)
ENL1001 and ENL1003 (combined)	ENG1001 and ENG1002 (combined) ¹
<u>Note:</u>	
1. If a student fails to get a B or above grade for any of the general U-core English courses, he/she should not be allowed to transfer to any language programmes offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science.	

Exemption by Attainment from University Core English Requirements

First-year undergraduate students with the exception of language majors and medical students^{[a] [b] [c]} are eligible for U-core English course exemption application if they have any of the qualifications listed in the *Summary of Qualifications for English Language Course Exemption by Attainment*. For such applications, no exemption of credit units will be granted^[d].

Summary of Qualifications for English Language Course Exemption by Attainment

Qualifications ^{1/} Framework of Reference	IELTS ²	TOEFL ²	International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL)/ Standard Level (SL)	Advanced Placement (AP)	GCE Advanced Level (AL)/ Advanced Subsidiary Level (ASL)	Cambridge Pre-U	SAT
Students who meet any of the requirements listed below will be exempted from taking ENG1001, ENG1002 and their equivalence. No credit units will be granted.							
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR) Level C2	Score 7.5 or above with no sub-scores below 7.0	590 or above (paper); or 243 or above (CBT); or 96 or above (iBT)	Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL) ³ ; or Grade 6 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL) ⁴ ; or Grade 6 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL) ³	Grade 5 in English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition	Grade A in English Language (ASL)	Grade D3 or above in Literature in English	Evidence- based Reading and Writing score is 630 or above.
Students who meet any of the requirements listed below will be exempted from taking ENG1001 and its equivalence. No credit units will be granted.							
(CEFR) Level C1	Score 6.5 or above	550 or above (paper); or 213 or above (CBT); or 79 or above (iBT)	Grade 4 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL) ³ ; or Grade 5 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL) ⁴ ; or	Grade 4 or above in English Language/ English Language and Composition/	Grade C or above in English Language (ASL)	Grade M3 or above in Literature in English	Evidence- based Reading and Writing score is

			Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL) ³	English Literature and Composition			526 or above.
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Note:

1. Refers to qualifications obtained prior to matriculation date (see also Note 2 below). Other qualifications not listed here will be considered on an individual basis.
2. The validity period for IELTS and TOEFL is two years from test dates.
3. The course is for students whose first language is English and includes the study of selections from world literature.
4. This is a foreign language course for students with two to four years' previous experience with the language.

Remarks:

- [a] Exemption applications for ENG1001 and ENG1002 (or their equivalency) are only allowed in the first year of attendance when a student is studying at CUHK(SZ). The qualifications submitted for course exemption application should have been obtained prior to the applicant's matriculation date with CUHK(SZ). Students will not be allowed to apply for exempting English courses which they took, regardless of their results.
- [b] Students should file the course exemption application(s) before a particular course is offered or during the Add/Drop period of the course concerned.
- [c] The policy does not apply to students who were admitted through the National Colleges and Universities Enrolment System in Academic Year 2020-21.
- [d] International students who were enrolled in universities in major English-speaking countries and took university-level English courses are eligible to apply for English courses exemptions and credit transfer if they fulfil the following requirements. Application details can be found at the website of the Registry Office.
- The university that the student attended is on the list of institutions recognized by our university;
 - The English courses that the student took are at least comparable to our foundation English courses in terms of content coverage and course length if not higher; and
 - Students should be able to supply official transcripts with related attainment details listed.