

Master of Arts (MA) Program in Liberal Studies

Academic Director:

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The Master of Arts (MA) program in Liberal Studies offers an interdisciplinary curriculum for existing school teachers and those seeking employment in education, mass media, business, and government. This taught program is designed to provide analytical perspectives in the subject areas of “Self and Personal Development”, “Society and Culture”, and “Science, Technology and the Environment”. The program emphasizes critical thinking and information collection and interpretation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must possess a bachelor’s degree from a university or a recognized institution, or have obtained qualifications approved by the University to be equivalent to a first degree. Proficiency in both English and Chinese is important for successful completion of the program.

Program Duration

The program can normally be completed in 14 months in part-time mode. With the approval of the Academic Director, a student may take study leave for no more than one regular term.

Program Fee

The total program fee for 2011-12 is HK\$64,800. Students who need to retake failed course(s) must pay the pro-rated fee for the necessary course(s).

Curriculum

Students must take eight courses (24 credits), including at least one course (3 credits) from each of the following four areas. The remaining four courses (12 credits) can be taken in any area. No transfer of credits will be allowed.

1. Foundations of Liberal Studies

MALS 5110 Critical Thinking
MALS 5120 Research Methods in Liberal Studies

2. Self and Personal Development

MALS 5210 Exploring Personality and Social Psychology
MALS 5230 Personal Growth

3. Society and Culture

MALS 5310 Chinese Society through Film and Literature
MALS 5320 Hong Kong Politics and Society
MALS 5330 Rethinking Globalization
MALS 5350 Continuity and Change in Rural China
MALS 5370 Continuity and Change in Post-Mao China

4. Science, Technology and the Environment

MALS 5410	Science, Technology, and Society
MALS 5430	Science, Technology, and the Environment
MALS 5440	Public Health and Society

With prior approval of the Academic Director, students may take other courses offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science to fulfill the program requirements.

Part-time students may take a maximum of 12 credits in each term.

Language Requirement

Some courses are taught in English, while others are in Chinese. Students who wish to enroll in courses in which Chinese materials are used and/or Chinese is the teaching medium must be able to demonstrate proficiency in Chinese.

Academic Advising

Upon entering the program, students' progress will be monitored by the Taught Postgraduate Programs Office of the School of Humanities and Social Science.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the program with a graduation grade average (GGA) of 2.850 or above as required of all postgraduate students at the University.