

Graduate Diploma (GD)* and Master of Arts (MA) Programs in Humanities

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The Graduate Diploma (GD) and Master of Arts (MA) programs in Humanities offer a multi-disciplinary curriculum for a career in education, mass media, government, NGOs, and research in the humanities. The taught programs are designed to provide intensive training in different humanities subjects, such as Language and Literature, History and Anthropology, and Philosophy and Religion.

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 MA program can normally be completed in 12 months in full-time mode, or 24 months in part-time mode. Full-time students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits of coursework each regular term, whereas part-time students are required to take a minimum of 3 credits each regular term. 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 2014-15 is HK\$90,000 for the MA program. New students admitted with credit transfer are also required to pay the full program fee. Students who need to retake failed course(s) must pay the pro-rated fee for the necessary course(s).

Curriculum

MA Degree

MA students must take eight courses (24 credits), including two foundation courses (6 credits), of which 3 credits must be from the compulsory foundation course HMMA 5000, four required courses (12 credits), and two elective courses (6 credits). The four required courses must be in one of the following fields of concentration: Language and Literature, History and Anthropology, and Philosophy and Religion.

* *Currently, the GD program does not admit new students.*

Graduate Diploma

GD students must take five courses (15 credits), including the compulsory foundation course HMMA 5000 (3 credits), three required courses (9 credits), and one elective course (3 credits). The three required courses must be in one of the following fields of concentration: Language and Literature, History and Anthropology, and Philosophy and Religion.

a) Foundation courses #

HMMA 5000	Fundamentals of Humanities
HUMA 5160	Chinese Historical Phonology
HUMA 5380	Modern Literary Theory
HUMA 5560	Methods in the Study of Source Materials
HUMA 5580	Theories and Methods in East Asian History
HUMA 5770	Field Research: Theory and Practice
HUMA 5800	Fundamentals of Chinese Philosophy

b) Required courses

For every term, the Program Office will produce a list of courses grouped by fields of concentration. Additional course(s) taken from the list of foundation courses can also be used to count toward the required course credits.

c) Elective courses

Students can take any postgraduate courses (and a maximum of one undergraduate course at 4000-level) offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science.

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

Language Requirement

Some courses are taught in English, while others are in Chinese. Students must be able to demonstrate proficiency in both English and Chinese.

Credit Transfer

Subject to the approval of the Academic Director, graduates from the GD program may transfer up to 15 credits of coursework to the MA program.

Program Transfer

Subject to the approval of the Academic Director, students of the MA program may subsequently apply for transfer to the GD program.

Not all foundation courses are offered every year.

Academic Advising

Upon entering the program, students' progress will be monitored by the Academic Director of the Program.

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.