

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 those seeking employment in education, mass media, government, and NGOs, as well as those who subsequently wish to pursue a research program 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.

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 2011-12 is HK\$74,400 for the MA program, and HK\$46,500 for the GD 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), 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.

Graduate Diploma

GD students must take five courses (15 credits), including one foundation course (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, or Philosophy and Religion.

1. Foundation courses

HUMA 5160	Chinese Historical Phonology
HUMA 5380	Modern Literary Theory I
HUMA 5550	Field Research: Theory and Practice
HUMA 5560	Methods in the Study of Source Materials
HUMA 5580	Theories and Methods in East Asian History
HUMA 5800	Fundamentals of Chinese Philosophy

Note: Not all foundation courses are offered every year.

2. Required courses

For every term, the Program Office will produce a list of courses grouped by fields of concentration.

3. Elective courses

Students can take any PG course (and a maximum of one UG course at 4000-level) offered by the Division of Humanities.

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

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.

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.

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.