

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts (Literary Studies)

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

The Bachelor of Arts (Literary Studies) programme consists of four different types of courses which are taught using distinctive learning modes. A range of 120-150 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) is the norm for the 6-credit courses. Contact hours are in a range of 36-39 for a 6-credit course except for Research courses where students do independent research work guided by a supervisor. All courses offered by BA (Literary Studies) are assessed 100% by continuous assessment, though examinations may comprise up to 60% of assessment in a small number of elective courses. The four categories of courses in the BA (Literary Studies) programme may be summarised as follows:

1. *Introductory courses* (6 credits)

These first year courses emphasize the learning of subject-related skills as an introduction to the discipline. Contact hours are no more than three per week. Assessment is by a combination of coursework e.g. essays, writing exercises, tutorial, participation and presentations, with a total output of approx. 5,000 words.

2. *Seminar Courses* (6 credits)

These courses deepen certain themes and topics in the discipline and are taught in a combination of lectures and seminars, with contact hours being no more than three per week. Assessment is mostly by 100% coursework (e.g. essays, writing exercises, research reports, tutorial reports, participation, creative pieces, presentations, portfolios) with a total output of approx. 5,000 words.

3. *Research Courses* (6 credits)

These courses aim at providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interests under the supervision of a teacher. Contact hours are minimal (6-12 hours) because students spend much of their time on individual research and writing. Assessment is through a single piece of work, which is either a single essay or a portfolio of essays (with an output of approx. 5,000 words in total).

4. *Interdisciplinary Core Courses: Capstone* (6 credits)

These capstone courses aim at providing students with an opportunity to integrate knowledge and skills learnt in legal education and literary studies. This kind of courses covers cross-disciplinary knowledge and training in independent research. Assessment is by 100% coursework. Assessment methods may include tutorial, participation, presentations, writing exercises and a research paper with a total output of approx. 5,000 words.