

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**Bachelor of Arts Programme in African Studies**

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

The African Studies Programme comprises four different types of courses: foundation courses, lecture courses, seminar courses, and a fieldtrip course. A range of 120-180 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) is the norm for a 6-credit course. Contact hours are in a range of 24-36 hours for a 6-credit course. Course assessment is based on 100% continuous assessment. The four categories of African Studies courses are as follows:

1. *Foundation course* (6 credits)

This is a first-year course that provides an introduction to the geography, history, languages, politics, musics, and literatures of Africa, and discusses contemporary issues in Africa such as the demands of nation building. Teaching comprises a lecture each week for 12 weeks in the first or second semesters or two two-hour lectures per week for six weeks in the summer, plus tutorials. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the form of in-class quizzes and/or mid- and end-of-term writing assignment with a total written output from 4,000 to 6,000 words.

2. *Lecture courses* (6 credits)

These courses address each of the areas touched on in the foundation course in a more in-depth manner. Teaching comprises a two-hour lecture each week for 12 weeks in the first or second semesters or two two-hour lectures per week for six weeks in the summer, plus tutorials. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the form of in-class quizzes, mid- and end-of-term writing assignment and/or mid- and end-of-term project with a total written output from 4,000 to 6,000 words.

3. *Seminar course* (6 credits)

This is an advanced course that involves attending weekly seminars and workshops (lasting for approximately one hour plus discussion and interaction with speaker) for the entire semester on advanced topics in African Studies (including history, literature, linguistics, education, music, law, science, technology, and international relations) by leading Africanist scholars. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the form of in-class quizzes, class performance, presentation, essay and/or mid- and end term project with a total written output from 4,000 to 6,000 words.

4. *Field Trip course* (6 credits)

In this type of course, students are led by an experienced faculty member on a supervised two-week educational field trip to an African country or African diasporan community. The course comprises 24-48 hours contact hours. Assessment is mainly in the form of a fieldtrip report with a total written output from 4,000 to 6,000 words.