

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**HKU Horizons**Credit Unit Statement

HKU Horizons will offer learning experiences in a global context.

Learning experiences are either 6-credit or 12-credit in weighting. As in line with the University requirements, each 6-credit learning experience shall consist of 120-180 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity and assessment). Since the learning experiences span a range of disciplinary areas and involve a variety of teaching-learning activities, teachers have the discretion to employ a variety of modes of teaching-learning and assessment as appropriate to their course.

The teaching-learning mode is mainly in the form of fieldwork and internship, supplemented for some courses by e-learning, directed activities, laboratory work, and workshops/seminars. The proportion of contact *vs* self-study hours may vary substantially across courses.

The method of assessment is at the discretion of the teachers concerned who are encouraged to use diverse assessment tasks with a view to ensuring that student performance in relation to the stated learning outcomes of their course is effectively assessed. Such tasks typically include essays, project reports, journals and portfolios. Given the diversity of assessment methods, it is difficult to quantify and standardize the output. As a general guide, regardless of the method used, the total output should be 2,500-5,000 words. Teachers are required to produce and provide grade descriptors for their course, and are strongly encouraged to construct marking rubrics for each assessment task.