

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies**

**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT**

The Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies curriculum consists of 8 lecture courses and a dissertation as the capstone experience. A range of 120-180 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) is the norm for a 6-credit course. Students must complete 240-360 hours of student learning activities (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) for the 12-credit dissertation. Contact hours are in a range of 24-36 hours for a 6-credit course. Contact hours are normally in a range of 12-24 hours for the dissertation since students will do independent research work under the guidance of a supervisor. The curriculum has a minimum study load of 1,200 hours, of which a minimum of 204 are contact hours.

1. Lecture courses (6 credits)

These courses are intended to familiarize students with the latest trends in and the methodological approaches to the study of Chinese history and culture. The principal mode of teaching is lecture. Students are normally required to submit written outputs of not less than 4,500 Chinese characters in total. Assessment is by 100% coursework.

2. Capstone Experience: Dissertation (12 credits)

The primary focus is on preparing students to engage in independent scholarly activities by honing their research and presentation skills. The major task students undertake is research and writing under the supervision of a teacher. Assessment is by 100% coursework in the form of a dissertation of not less than 20,000 characters in Chinese or 10,000 words in English.