

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Arts in the field of Hong Kong History

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

(Applicable to students admitted in the academic year 2023-24 and thereafter)

The Master of Arts (MA) Programme in the field of Hong Kong History consists of two types of courses which are taught using various learning modes. Following HKU guidelines, the normal time requirement for 9-credit courses is 180 hours of student learning activity including contact hours and all other learning activities. 9-credit courses normally include 30 contact hours. Contact hours are minimal for 12-credit courses, because students do independent research work for their dissertations under the guidance of a supervisor. The programme has a total study load of 1,320 hours, of which around 180 are contact hours. All courses have 100% coursework assessment. The two categories of History courses may be summarised as follows:

1. *Seminar courses (9 credits)*

All are taught as seminars, though there may be workshops or experiential learning components. Assessments may include participation, essays, reports, draft proposals, reflective exercises, and presentations. The total output is not more than 8,000 words and the total number of student learning hours is 180.

2. *Research Course: capstone experience (12 credits)*

This is an MA dissertation course providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interests and to produce a dissertation based upon original research, analysis and argument under the supervision of a teacher. Contact hours are minimal because students spend much of their time on individual research and writing. Assessment is through the dissertation (which is not more than 10,000 words). The total number of student learning hours is 240.