

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy

## Programme Structure for 2015-16 Intake (4-year curriculum)

The following description specifies the programme curriculum for students who pursue the programme on a **full-time four-year basis**. Flexibility is allowed for completing the programme within a longer or shorter period in accordance with the stipulations in the Regulations Governing Undergraduate Studies.

	<u>Number of Credits</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>				
CCC8001 Logic and Critical Thinking (R)		3		3
CCC8002 The Making of Hong Kong (R) (revised and recoded to CCC8012 from 2017-18)		3		3
LCC1010 Practical Chinese I (R)		3		3
LCE1010 English for Communication I (R)	3			3
LCE1020 English for Communication II (R)			3	3
^ 2 Cluster Courses		6		6
3 Free Electives		9		9
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<b>SECOND YEAR</b>				
CCC8003 Understanding Morality (R)		3		3
CCC8004 World History and Civilisations (R)		3		3
LCC2010 Practical Chinese II (R)		3		3
LCE2010 English for Communication III (R)		3		3
ENG2020 Varieties of English (R)		3		3
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
				<hr/> 18-21
<b>SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS</b>				
PHI3101 Deductive Logic (R)		3		3
3 History of Philosophy Courses		9		9
3 Core Philosophy Courses		9		9
2 Ethics and Political Philosophy Courses		6		6
5 Programme Electives		15		15
4 Free Electives		12		12
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<b>THIRD YEAR</b>				
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>				
PHI4301 Directed Research Project or 2 Programme Electives		6		6
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
				<hr/> 9-12
				Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

(R) denotes required course(s).

^ For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

## REQUIREMENTS IN PHILOSOPHY

There are altogether 48 credits in the major discipline. The Philosophy discipline requires students to take 9 required courses (27 credits) and either 7 programme elective courses (21 credits) or 5 elective courses (15 credits) in conjunction with a final year project (6 credits). From 2016-17, a final year project may be terminated possibly with the award of only 3 credits after one term, in the event that the student's progress is not satisfactory. In that case, the student will need to complete 6 elective courses in addition, rather than 5.

### Required Courses (Total 9 courses, 27 credits)

#### History of Philosophy Unit

Students must take three courses from the following, with one course in each tradition:

- PHI2112 History of Chinese Philosophy:  
From Pre-Qin to Han (Chinese Tradition)\*
- PHI2113 History of Western Philosophy:  
Ancient Greek Philosophy (Western Tradition)
- PHI2116 History of Chinese Philosophy:  
From Wei-Jin to Ming (Chinese Tradition)\*
- PHI2117 History of Western Philosophy:  
From Descartes to Kant (Western Tradition)

[\* In addition to taking PHI2113 and PHI2117, **International students** or **non-Cantonese speakers** can choose one course among the Core Philosophy Courses, Ethics and Political Philosophy, or other programme elective courses to substitute PHI2112/PHI2116. The course chosen from the Core Philosophy Courses and the Ethics and Political Philosophy courses in this way do not count to fulfill the other requirements below. Approval of Academic Advisor is required.]

#### Core Philosophy Courses

Students must take at least three courses from the following:

- PHI2115 Metaphysics
- PHI3231 Epistemology
- PHI3265 Philosophy of Mind
- PHI4366 Philosophy of Language

#### Ethics and Political Philosophy Unit

Students must take two courses from the following, with one in each tradition. CCC8003 Understanding Morality is a prerequisite.

- PHI3102 Chinese Political Philosophy (Chinese tradition)\*\*
- PHI3103 Advanced Western Ethics (Western tradition)
- PHI3104 Western Political Philosophy (Western tradition)
- PHI3232 Ethics: The Chinese Tradition (Chinese tradition)\*\*

[\*\* **International students** or **non-Cantonese speakers** can choose one course from those Programme Elective courses profiled as Ethics and Practical Philosophy, or from the relevant Special Topics courses to substitute PHI3232/PHI3102. Approval of Academic Advisor is required for choice of courses in the Special Topics list as substitutes for the required course in this tradition.]

#### Logic Unit

- PHI3101 Deductive Logic (R)

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(R) denotes required course(s).

**Programme Elective Courses (Total 7 courses, 21 credits or 5 courses, 15 credits in conjunction with a 6-credit Direct Research Project)**

Students are required to select courses either from the list of electives given below or from the list of required courses (presented under Required Courses Section of this programme structure) that are not yet taken as their required courses.

Aesthetics

PHI3264	Philosophy and Literature
PHI3271	History of Aesthetics
PHI3272	Perception and Depiction (deleted from 2017-18)
PHI3281	Philosophy of Photography
PHI4273	Philosophy of Architecture
PHI4363	Issues in Analytic Philosophy of Art until 2016-17, retitled to Analytic Philosophy of Art from 2017-18
PHI4373	Cinema and Philosophy

Chinese Philosophy

CHI4308	Confucianism and Chinese Literature
CHI4345	Buddhism and Chinese Literature
CHI4346	Daoism and Chinese Literature
PHI2001	The Philosophy of Zhuangzi
PHI3285	The Philosophy of Mozi
PHI4266	Pre-Qin Taoism
PHI4334	Contemporary Neo-Confucianism
PHI4361	Confucianism and the Modern World
PHI4364	Man and Heaven in Chinese Philosophy

Continental Philosophy

PHI3270	Continental Aesthetic Theories
PHI4261	Contemporary Continental Philosophy
PHI4275	Schopenhauer and Nietzsche
PHI4369	Post-Modern Philosophy

Ethics and Practical Philosophy

PHI3105	Philosophy of Happiness
PHI3201	Applied Ethics (from 2018-19)
PHI3222	Life and Death
PHI3223	Bioethics
PHI3236	Contingencies and Necessities in Life
PHI3263	Philosophical Perspectives on Human Rights
PHI3278	Metaethics
PHI3280	Philosophy of Religion
PHI4324	Utopia
PHI4367	Philosophy of Law
PHI4372	Theories of Justice
PHI4374	Value Theory

Philosophy of Natural and Human Sciences

PHI2118	A Philosophical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (from Term 2, 2020-21)
PHI3001	Causation, Explanation and Causal Inference
PHI3279	Philosophy of Technology
PHI3282	Philosophy of History
PHI3283	Philosophy of Social Science
PHI3368	Philosophy of Science
PHI3370	Probability and Scientific Method
PHI3371	Personal Identity
PHI4101	Modal Logic

PHI4365 Philosophy of Action

PHI4375 Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (not offered from Term 2, 2020-21)

Special Topics

PHI4399 Special Topics

**Special Topics**

The subject matter of Special Topics courses varies from term to term, most commonly in response to student demand. These courses count as programme electives and provide students and teachers with an opportunity to work on areas in philosophy not regularly covered in the Lingnan curriculum. Past examples include courses on the work of a major philosopher and courses on issues such as evolution and human nature.

**Free Electives**

Students may select courses in any disciplines to obtain the total number of credits required for graduation, subject to timetable, course load and study scheme constraints.