

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy

## Programme Structure for 2018-19 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.

|  | Number of Credits                                  |                                       |                      | Total |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Term                               | 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term |       |
| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>                          |  |                                       |                      |       |
| CCC8011                                    | Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R)* | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
| CCC8012                                    | The Making of Hong Kong (R)*                       | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
| LCC1010                                    | Practical Chinese I (R)                            | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
| LCE1010                                    | English for Communication I (R) <sup>@</sup>       | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
| LCE1020                                    | English for Communication II (R) <sup>@</sup>      |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| PHI1002                                    | Introduction to Philosophy (R) <sup>#</sup>        | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
| PHI1003                                    | Ethics: East and West (R) <sup>#</sup>             |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
|  | ^ 2 Cluster Courses                                | 6                                     |                      | 6     |
|  | 1 Free Elective <sup>#</sup>                       | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
|  |  |                                       |                      | 30    |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>                         |  |                                       |                      |       |
| CCC8013                                    | The Process of Science (R)*                        |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| CCC8014                                    | China in World History (R)*                        |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| LCC2010                                    | Practical Chinese II (R)                           |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| LCE2010                                    | English for Communication III (R) <sup>@</sup>     |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| ENG2020                                    | Varieties of English (R) <sup>@</sup>              |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
| PHI3101                                    | Deductive Logic (R) <sup>#</sup>                   | 3                                     |                      | 3     |
|  |  |                                       |                      | 18    |
| <b>SECOND TO THIRD YEARS</b>               |  |                                       |                      |       |
|  | 2 History of Philosophy Courses                    |                                       | 6                    | 6     |
|  | 2 Core Philosophy Courses                          |                                       | 6                    | 6     |
|  | 2 Ethics and Political Philosophy Courses          |                                       | 6                    | 6     |
|  |  |                                       |                      | 18    |
| <b>SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS</b>              |  |                                       |                      |       |
|  | ^ 3 Cluster Courses                                |                                       | 9                    | 9     |
|  | 8 Free Electives <sup>#</sup>                      |                                       | 24                   | 24    |
|  | 5-6 Programme Electives                            |                                       | 15-18                | 15-18 |
|  |  |                                       |                      | 48-51 |
| <b>FOURTH YEAR</b>                         |  |                                       |                      |       |
| PHI4301                                    | Directed Research Project                          |                                       | 6                    | 6     |
|  | <u>or</u>  |                                       |                      |       |
| PHI4001                                    | Final-Year Research Seminar                        |                                       | 3                    | 3     |
|  |  |                                       |                      | 3-6   |
| <b>Minimum credits for Honours Degree:</b> |  |                                       |                      | 120   |

(R) denotes required course(s).

\* Students are assigned to take CCC8011 Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation and CCC8012 The Making of Hong Kong in the first year, and CCC8013 The Process of Science and CCC8014 China in World History in the second year (or the third year for those designated as Year 3 students upon admission). Unless with the approval of the Director of Core Curriculum and General Education, students are not allowed to drop these assigned courses in the designated year.

<sup>@</sup> Students directly admitted to Year 2 in 2019-20 or Year 3 in 2020-21 should follow the revamped English Language Curriculum. Please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum> for more information.

<sup>#</sup> For students admitted via faculty-based admission, they will study 3 free electives in Year 1; PHI1002 Introduction to Philosophy, PHI1003 Ethics: East and West, and PHI3101 Deductive Logic in Year 2 (unless they have already completed these subjects); and 6 free electives from Year 2 to Year 4.

<sup>^</sup> Students are required to complete 5 Cluster courses in total. 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 10 required courses (30<sup>^</sup> - 33<sup>^^</sup>credits) and either 6 programme elective courses (18credits) together with a final-year research seminar (3<sup>^</sup> credits) or 5 elective courses (15 credits) in conjunction with a final year project (6<sup>^^</sup> credits). 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 the final-year research seminar (3 credits) in addition.

### Required Courses (Total 10 courses, 30-33 credits)

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| PHI1002 | Introduction to Philosophy |
| PHI1003 | Ethics: East and West      |
| PHI3101 | Deductive Logic            |

### History of Philosophy Unit

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

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

[\* **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 two courses from the following:

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| 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.

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| 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 PHI3102/PHI3232. Approval of Academic Advisor is required for choice of courses in the Special Topics list as substitutes for the required course in this tradition.]

### Capstone Unit

Students must take one of the following two courses:

- PHI4001 Final-Year Research Seminar
- PHI4301 Directed Research Project

**Programme Elective Courses (Total 6 courses, 18 credits together with 3-credit Final-Year Research Seminar 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
- PHI3281 Philosophy of Photography
- PHI4273 Philosophy of Architecture
- PHI4363 Analytic Philosophy of Art
- 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
- 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

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| 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

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| PHI4399 | Special Topics |
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#### **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.