Welcome to Hong Kong

The geographical position of Hong Kong, a vibrant world city situated at the Greater Bay Area on the coast of southern China, has made it a gateway between East and West, turning it into one of the world’s most cosmopolitan metropolises.

Bi-literacy and tri-lingualism thrive in Hong Kong. Although the majority of the population speaks Chinese as a first language, walking the streets you will hear a medley of Asian and European languages. English is widely spoken, and remains the preferred language of the government, business and tourism sectors. All official signs and public transport announcements, and most menus, are bilingual.

Hong Kong combines a unique East-West heritage with contemporary cosmopolitan living. This thriving metropolis of more than seven million people provides exchange students with a host of eye-opening encounters - from colourful traditional Chinese festivals to the latest business developments in one of the world’s major global financial centres.

Explore Hong Kong

Lingnan University, located in Tuen Mun, offers a stimulating and thought-provoking liberal arts education.

We are the only university in Hong Kong to offer a dedicated liberal arts education. Our goal is to cultivate in our graduates the skills and sensibilities necessary to successfully pursue their career goals and take their place as socially responsible citizens in today’s rapidly evolving global environment.

Lively and outward-looking, the university is located on an award-winning campus that visually represents our East-West orientation. Courses are offered by 16 departments in the Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, the Core Curriculum and General Education Office and two language centres.

Vision
To excel as a leading Asian liberal arts university with international recognition, distinguished by outstanding teaching, learning, scholarship and community engagement.

Mission
Lingnan University is committed to
~ providing quality whole-person education by combining the best of Chinese and Western liberal arts traditions;
~ nurturing students to achieve all-round excellence and imbuing them with its core values; and
~ encouraging faculty and students to contribute to society through original research and knowledge transfer.
Diversity
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Staff

Ninety-nine per cent of Lingnan’s professoriate staff hold doctorate degrees. In addition to pursuing high-quality research, they place special emphasis on students’ learning and personal development. Our approach encourages high standards of research amongst our faculty, as we firmly believe that cutting-edge knowledge nourishes outstanding teaching and inspires those exposed to it. We also regularly invite visiting scholars from mainland China and overseas institutions.
Course and curriculum
As a liberal arts university, Lingnan is fully committed to quality teaching. With the aim of building knowledge across disciplines, our credit-based system allows students to choose from humanities, social sciences and business courses. Interactive teaching and learning create opportunities for students to analyse and critically review materials, whilst independent research abilities are also encouraged. Internships, overseas field trips, immersion language studies and co-operative learning offer further insights to students and encourage the exploration of new perspectives.

International recognition
Our business degree programmes are accredited by AACSB International. The introduction of regional, international and intercultural elements have further enriched our curriculum.

Language learning opportunities
Lingnan fosters both Chinese and English, the two official languages of Hong Kong, although some 75% of classes are taught in English.

Through the Centre for English and Additional Languages, students can work on their English capabilities to enhance their studies and critical-thinking abilities. Courses in other languages, including French, Japanese, Korean and Spanish, are also available.

At the Chinese Language Education and Assessment Centre, students can also enrol in Putonghua classes. The centre’s tutors are experienced in teaching Putonghua to international students, and courses at different levels are available to exchange students.

Infrastructure
Lingnan offers a warm, friendly atmosphere that helps exchange students to settle in easily. Most students live on campus, and every international student is allocated a room with a local student to enhance understanding of Hong Kong and boost cross-cultural awareness.

Our award-winning campus, located in Tuen Mun, boasts a wide range of facilities and services, including:

- Library with late-night access
- Chinese and Western food outlets
- Olympic-sized swimming pool
- Sports complex and outdoor sports ground
- Courtyard gardens and pavilions

Neighbouring areas offer additional services, shopping and entertainment.
The Lingnan lifestyle

Our liberal arts philosophy means that we pay special attention to campus life at Lingnan. We are the only university in Hong Kong providing 4-year full residency for undergraduates. Many activities revolve around hostel life, including sports, cultural and academic pursuits, which helps students to build friendships. Exchange students also experience this lifestyle by sharing a hostel room with a local roommate.

A peer mentoring programme is available to help both local and international degree students to adjust to university life, and our Buddies Scheme assists exchange students in settling in at Lingnan.

Wide range of activities

Student activities are a core part of life at Lingnan, and a wide range of sports facilities and gathering points are available for the numerous societies and clubs that thrive at the university. These activities encompass everything from dragon boat racing and lion dancing to rugby, choir and the philosophy society.

There is also an array of social activities aiming at facilitating students’ integration, such as Orientation, International Day, the Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival Celebrations, Thanksgiving Dinner, Putonghua learning in hostels, Student Buddies events, host family activities, barbecues and excursion tours.

Integrated learning programmes

Another of Lingnan’s special features is our integrated learning programme, which offers a diverse range of enrichment activities for students in six main areas:

> Aesthetic development
> Civic education
> Hostel Education
> Intellectual development
> Physical education
> Social and emotional development
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Lingnan aims to excel as a globally recognised liberal arts university. Central to the University’s international profile are its rich and diverse culture and its consciousness of the need to enhance its international character and perspectives.

The interconnecting priorities for our internationalisation activities are to foster our international network, expand our students’ international horizons, actively integrate local and non-local students into our campus, attract more quality non-local students to pursue undergraduate studies at Lingnan and facilitate faculty members’ interaction with international universities and institutions. As a liberal arts university that emphasises its students’ whole-person development, we are working to differentiate the Lingnan student experience as engaging, motivating and globally oriented. With our expanded portfolio, the Office of Global Education and Interdisciplinary Studies (OGEIS) will provide full support to our innovative Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Global Liberal Arts and the promotion of other interdisciplinary programmes. Our flourishing interdisciplinary programmes specifically nurture students to develop a forward-looking global vision in various disciplines. Moreover, we strive to pursue excellence and enhance our quality of teaching, learning and research by fostering strategic partnerships with members of the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities (AALAU) and the Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA).

We operate in an international context and this must be reflected in all areas of our University life, from our students and faculty members to our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, as well as our collaborations that transcend national boundaries.
**Fast facts**

**People**
- Faculty and instructors: 208
- Undergraduates: 2,548
- Postgraduates: 935

**Partner Institutions**
- 230+ (over 45 countries/regions)

Data of 2018/19 Academic Year

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**Bachelor’s degrees**

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Animation and Digital Arts
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Chinese
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Contemporary English Studies
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Cultural Studies
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Global Liberal Arts
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Philosophy
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Translation
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Visual Studies
- Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) - Risk and Insurance Management
- Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons)
- Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) - Business Psychology* (subject to the approval of the University)
- LEO Dr David P Chan Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Data Science

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**Academic Calendar**

- Fall term (1st Semester): Early September to Late December
- Spring term (2nd Semester): Mid-January to Late May
- Summer Term – Session I: Late May to Mid-July
- Summer Term – Session II: Mid-July to Early August