

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (Honours) Global Development and Sustainability

Programme Structure for 2025-26 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 st	1 st /2 nd	2 nd	
FIRST YEAR		<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	
CCC8011	Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R) ⁺			3	3
CCC8013	The Process of Science (R) ⁺	3			3
CCC8015	Generative Artificial Intelligence (R) ⁺		3		3
LUE1001	University English I (R)**	3			3
LUE1002	University English II (R)**		3		3
GDS1001	Interdisciplinary Inquiry for Global Challenges (R)~	3			3
GDS1002	International Development and Peace in the Global Age (R)~	3			3
GDS1003	Cultural Diversity and Community Well-Being (R)~			3	3
GDS1004	Global Business and Sustainable Development (R)~			3	3
GDS1005	Environmental Sustainability and Human Action (R)~			3	3
	An ELE Elective [@] or a Cluster Course [^] (for Group B students only)		0-3		0-3
					30
SECOND YEAR					
CCC8012	The Making of Hong Kong (R) ⁺		3		3
CCC8014	China in World History (R) ⁺		3		3
LCC1010	Chinese Communication I (R) ^{##}	3			3
LCC2010	Chinese Communication II (R) ^{##}			3	3
					12

(R) denotes required course(s).

⁺ Students are assigned to take CCC8015 in the first year, CCC8013 in the first term of the first year, CCC8011 in the second term of the first year, and CCC8012 and CCC8014 in the second year.

~ Students are assigned to take GDS1001, GDS1002, GDS1003, GDS1004 and GDS1005 in the designated terms. Unless with the approval of the Programme Director, students are not allowed to drop these assigned courses in the designated terms.

For non-local students, assessment and course placements to be arranged by the Chinese Language Education and Assessment Centre (CLEAC).

** Under the revamped English Language Enhancement (ELE) programme, students will be grouped under two streams. Group A students are those who obtained level 3 in HKDSE English or equivalent while Group B students are those who obtained level 4 or above in HKDSE English or equivalent. Students are encouraged to take their first required ELE course, viz. LUE1001 for Group A and LUE1002 for Group B, in First Term of Year 1. However, they are given the flexibility to take the respective courses in Second Term of Year 1. For Group A students who take LUE1001 in Second Term of Year 1, they should take LUE1002 in First Term of Year 2. For details, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

@ Group A students have to take 1 ELE elective while Group B students have to take 2 ELE electives. ELE electives could be taken from the term in which LUE1002 is taken. For more details, please click <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

^ Recommended to take 4 cluster courses and 9 free electives. To enable students to take courses under different study areas when studying abroad, students will have the flexibility to take a minimum of 3 cluster courses instead of 4 and take correspondingly more electives. Students are not allowed to take more than one course in the same cluster for the purpose of fulfilling the cluster requirement.

		Number of Credits		
		1 st	1 st /2 nd	2 nd
SECOND TO FOURTH YEAR		<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>
	An ELE Elective [@]		3	3
	3-4 Cluster Courses [^] \$		9-12	9-12
	5 GDS Concentration courses		15	15
	4 GDS Elective courses		12	12
	9-10 Free Electives [^]		27-30	27-30
LUE4001	Professional Communication in English for Arts and Humanities <u>or</u>		3	3
LUE4002	Professional Communication in English for Business <u>or</u>			
LUE4003	Professional Communication in English for Social Sciences [#]			
				72
FOURTH YEAR				
GDS4000	Global Action: Capstone Project (R)	3	3	6
				6

Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

REQUIREMENTS IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Required Courses (Total 6 courses, 21 credits)

GDS1001	Interdisciplinary Inquiry for Global Challenges (3 credits)
GDS1002	International Development and Peace in the Global Age (3 credits)
GDS1003	Cultural Diversity and Community Well-Being (3 credits)
GDS1004	Global Business and Sustainable Development (3 credits)
GDS1005	Environmental Sustainability and Human Action (3 credits)
GDS4000	Global Action: Capstone Project (6 credits)

(R) denotes required course(s).

@ Group A students have to take 1 ELE elective while Group B students have to take 2 ELE electives. ELE electives could be taken from the term in which LUE1002 is taken. For more details, please click <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

^ Recommended to take 4 cluster courses and 9 free electives. To enable students to take courses under different study areas when studying abroad, students will have the flexibility to take a minimum of 3 cluster courses instead of 4 and take correspondingly more electives. In addition, students are not allowed to take more than one course in the same cluster for the purpose of fulfilling the cluster requirement.

\$ For Group B students who have taken a cluster course in Year 1, they shall take 2-3 cluster courses and a total of two ELE electives in Year 2 to Year 4.

GDS students are allowed to take one of the three Discipline-related Professional Communication Courses (LUE4001/ LUE4002/ LUE4003) after completion of LUE1002 during any term in Year 2 to Year 4.

Concentration (Total 5 courses, 15 credits)

Students must choose one of four Concentrations—'Policy and Institutions'; 'Culture and Community'; 'Business and Economy'; or 'Human-Environment Interactions'—and complete 15 credits of coursework in the chosen Concentration. A minimum of two courses must be at the 3000- or 4000-level. Courses may be selected from the approved list of Lingnan courses, or courses from Lingnan and other institutions (local or abroad) may be applied upon approval (according to the criteria of categories A, B and C for each Concentration course list). Please refer to the following pages for the requirements and courses of each Concentration.

Electives (Total 4 courses, 12 credits)

Students select 12 credits of courses from Lingnan and/or study-abroad institutions that complement their major programme interests. Course choices must be proposed to and approved by the student's Academic Adviser; selected courses should strengthen and/or expand the student's area of expertise. A minimum of one course must be at the 3000-level or 4000-level. Courses may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Introductory or prerequisite courses for chosen focus areas
- b. Relevant cluster courses
- c. Technical, methodological and/or advanced courses to further a specific expertise
- d. Language, culture and politics courses in a particular world area
- e. Courses not already taken within the chosen Concentration
- f. Courses from the other (not-chosen) Concentration areas
- g. Relevant credit-bearing internships or service-learning projects

Students study abroad for two semesters on two different continents (subject to fulfilling study-abroad requirements). This may occur during Year 3 Term 1, Term 2 or Summer Term. Destinations should be chosen to enhance the particular study interests of each student.

Free Electives[^] (Total 9-10 courses, 27-30 credits)

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.

[^] Recommended to take 4 cluster courses and 9 free electives. To enable students to take courses under different concentrations/electives when studying abroad, students will have the flexibility to take a minimum of 3 cluster courses instead of 4 and take correspondingly more electives. In addition, students are not allowed to take more than one course in the same cluster for the purpose of fulfilling the cluster requirement.

Concentration (15 credits)

Students must choose ONE of four Concentrations.

For each Concentration:

- 1) Students are required to earn 3 credits in each of [A], [B] and [C], and 6 credits in [A], [B] or [C].
- 2) A minimum of two 3000-level or 4000-level courses must be taken
- 3) A maximum of two Cluster courses could be taken
- 4) Courses must be taken from a minimum of two different letter codes (ie. ECO, HST, MKT, etc.)

[I] Policy and Institutions

A. Fundamentals of investigating the public sphere

GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science
GOV3208 Public Policy: Values and Processes
SOC3001 Principles and Practice of Social Policy

B. Overarching socio-political principles and processes

BUS2202 Organisational Behaviour
CLC9006 Law and Governance
CLD9002 Understanding Social and Economic Indicators
CLE9005 Reading Great Social Thinkers (not offered from 2026-27)
CUS3213 Culture, Power and Government
ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy
ENG3265 Organisational Communication
GOV3104 Media, Data and Politics
GOV3203 International Politics
GOV3205 Global Governance
GOV3210 Comparative Politics
GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies
GOV3218 War and Peace
GOV3219 Introduction to Computational Political Science
GOV3221 Ethics and Public Affairs (from 2026-27)
GOV4309 Current Issues in International Politics
PHI3203 Social and Political Philosophy
PHI3283 Philosophy of Social Science (from 2026-27)
SOC3102 Mass Communication
SOC3201 Classical Sociological Theory
SOC3202 Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC3204 Society and Social Change
SOC3323 Organisations and Bureaucracy
SSC3102 Seminar in Social and Public Policy Issues
SSC4301 Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice

C. Theories and contexts of global justice

BUS2107 Legal Aspects of Business
CLA9028 Soft Power and Translation
CLC9020 Law in Everyday Life
CLE9014 Ethnicity and Nationalism
CLE9019 The Legal System of the People's Republic of China (PRC)
CLE9024 Democracy versus Dictatorship

CLE9033 Truth and Justice
 CUS2405 Culture and the Modern World I
 CUS2407 Creating Urban Commons: A Global Perspective
 CUS3014 Sexuality & Cultural Politics
 CUS3215 Gender and Cultural Politics
 CUS3409 Education and Cultural Politics
 CUS3410 Cultural Policy and Community
 ECO3003 Public Economics, Finance and Policymaking
 ECO4002 Economics of Law and Policy
 FVA3399u Special Topics in Visual Studies: Art and Protest
 GOV3103 Gender and Politics
 GOV3105 Political Economy of Development
 GOV3106 Small States in World Politics
 GOV4001 Seminar in International Political Economy
 GOV4003 Comparative Judicial Politics
 GOV4005 Religion and Political Conflicts
 GOV4303 Global Environmental Politics
 HSM4004 Social and Healthcare Policies in Hong Kong and China (from 2026-27)
 HST1194 East-West Value Clashes in Modern History
 HST3009 History of Human Rights (not offered from 2027-28)
 PAI4001 AI Ethics and Social Policy (from 2026-27)
 PHI1003 Ethics East and West
 PHI3102 Chinese Political Philosophy
 PHI3104 Western Political Philosophy
 PHI3207 Law and Society
 PHI3263 Philosophical Perspectives on Human Rights
 PHI3283 Philosophy of Social Science
 PHI3374 The Ethics of War and Peace (from 2026-27)
 PHI4367 Philosophy of Law
 PHI4372 Theories of Justice
 SOC3003 Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities
 SOC3004 Community and Society
 SOC3338 Social Stratification and Inequality
 SOC3341 Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers (from 2026-27)
 SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector (from 2026-27)
 SOC4001 Historical Justice and Collective Memory
 SOC4213 Risk, Society and Modernity
 SOC4321 Social Justice
 SOC4329 Global Health
 SSC3312 Health Policy
 SSC3213 Political Psychology and Behaviour
 SSC3315 Labour Market and Education Policy
 SSC3317 Economics of Law and Public Policy

[II] Culture and Community

- A. Fundamentals of human-centred inquiry
 - CUS2401 Perspectives in Cultural Studies I
 - CUS3006 Social Drama and Everyday Life
 - PSY2101 Introduction to Psychology
 - SOC2101 Introduction to Sociology
- B. Creative expression and well-being
 - CHI3204 Emotions and Writing

CHI3219 Creative Writing in Chinese
 CLA9005 Economics of Culture and Creativity
 CLA9007 Creative Industries: reflection on creativity and creation
 CLA9024 Creative Expression with Music
 CLA9027 Being Someone: Writing Identity in Contemporary Culture
 CLA9029 Creative Movement and Dance
 CLD9030 The Brain, Mind, and Behaviour
 CLE9032 Emotional Happiness
 CUS3003 Media and Creative Industries
 CUS3411 Media Creativity
 ENG3009 Language: English and Creativity in Everyday Life
 ENG3385 Lifewriting
 HSM3001 Introduction to Health and Social Care
 HSM3002 Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations
 HSM3004 Community-based Social Services
 HST3399o A Global History of Housing
 MPA2002 Musicality and Well-Being
 PHI3105 Philosophy of Happiness
 PHI3286 Philosophy of Psychiatry (from 2026-27)
 PSY3001 Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices
 PSY3103 Psychology of Human Performance and Technology
 PSY3202 Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health
 PSY3207 Health Psychology
 PSY3301 Positive Psychology and Positive Living
 PSY3333 Educational Psychology
 PSY4102 Cross-cultural Psychology
 SOC3004 Community and Society
 SOC3203 Social Gerontology
 SOC3335 Housing and Society
 SOC4329 Global Health

C. Heritage and diversity

CLA9030 The World of Cultural Dances in Hong Kong
 CLB9014 Food, Culture and Identity
 CLB9018 Thinking like an Anthropologist
 CLB9019 Childhood, Youth and Culture
 CLB9022 Music and World Cultures
 CLB9027 Topics in World Literature: Women in Traditional Societies
 CLB9033 Introduction to Musics of the World and Sustainability
 CLB9034 Music Across the Generations: Western Popular Music in the Post-World War II Period
 CLE9018 Religious Behaviour, Belief and Experience
 CLE9028 Sexual Cultures in Asia
 CLE9034 Cultural Heritage and Sustainability
 CHI3001 The Chinese Dialects and Culture
 CHI3151 Introduction to Comparative Literature
 CUS2407 Creating Urban Commons: A Global Perspective (from 2026-27)
 CUS2413 Make a Difference through Social Innovation (from 2026-27)
 CUS3004 Media, Gender, and Sexuality
 CUS3132 Gender and Sexuality in Comparative Perspective
 CUS3309 Film, Gender & Sexuality
 CUS3322 City Cultures
 ENG3003 Language, Gender and Sexuality
 ENG3008 English as a Global Language
 ENG3202 Language, Society and the Media

ENG3264 Asian Voices in English (Fiction and Film)
 ENG3272 Intercultural Communication
 ENG3375 Cross-cultural Studies of Literature
 ENG3379 Introduction to Children's Literature in English
 FVA3009 Cultural Transmissions of East Asian Art
 FVA3399v Special Topics in Visual Studies: Presence of the Past: Memorials and Monuments
 FVA4010 Art and Its Institutions
 FVA4311 Women, Art and Society in China
 GOV3103 Gender and Politics
 HST2007 Cities Across Civilisations (coded as HST3268 in 2025-26 or before)
 HST3399n Safeguarding Cultural and Historical Heritage
 HST4359 History of Women and Children in China
 PSY3102 Exploring Psychology in Western and Chinese Cultures
 SOC3002 Family and Society
 SOC3003 Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities
 SOC3311 Urban Sociology
 SOC4001 Historical Justice and Collective Memory
 SOC4002 Gender and Society
 TRA3217 Translating Cultures
 TRA3238 Cross-cultural Perspectives in Film: Thematic Comparisons
 TRA4307 Gender, Language and Translation

[III] Business and Economy

- A. Fundamentals of economic inquiry
 - BUS2105 Microeconomics for Business
 - ECO2101 Introduction to Economics
- B. The global scale of business and economy
 - ACT3366 International Accounting
 - CLA9019 International Entrepreneurship (from 2026-27)
 - ECO3213 China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy: the Greater Bay and beyond
 - ECO3214 Globalisation and Economic Integration
 - ECO3218 Development Economics
 - ECO4215 Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres
 - ECO4305 International Trade and Trade Policy
 - ECO4306 International Finance
 - FIN3352 International Financial Management
 - GOV3105 Political Economy of Development
 - GOV4001 Seminar in International Political Economy
 - MGT3352 Global Leadership Development with Analytics (from 2026-27)
 - MKT2241 International Business Management
 - MKT2243 Doing Business in Emerging Markets
 - MKT3321 International Marketing Management
 - RIM3354 International Insurance and Financial Services Markets
 - SSC4207 International Political Economy
- C. Expandable, equitable and ethical prosperity
 - ACT3250 Accounting and Regulatory Environment of the Chinese Mainland
 - ACT3369 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Issues in Business and Accounting
 - ACT4355 Corporate Governance and Business Ethics
 - BUS2107 Legal Aspects of Business
 - BUS2202 Organisational Behaviour

CLA9005 Economics of Culture and Creativity
 CLA9021 Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Global Grand Challenges (from 2026-27)
 CLC9004 Traditional Chinese Thought and Management
 CLC9005 Finance and Politics: Public Interests and Private Manipulation
 CLC9008 Business Ethics
 CLC9009 Corporate Social Responsibility
 CLC9012 To Care About Our Society - Social Marketing
 CLC9016 Contemporary Socio-Economic Issues
 CLC9021 Morality and Markets
 CLC9022 The Digital Economy and Social Media
 CLD9002 Understanding Social and Economic Indicators
 CLE9012 Financial Markets and Their Impacts on Society
 CLE9013 Consumer Culture and Values
 CLE9022 Real Estate and Its Social Value in Asian Societies
 CLE9036 Buy, keep, throw: Consumption as a way of life (not offered from 2026-27)
 CUS2409 Digital Marketing for Social Causes
 CUS2414 Social Value and Social Impact Assessment: A Critical Introduction
 ECO3001 The Hong Kong Housing Market
 ECO3003 Public Economics, Finance and Policymaking
 ECO3203 Labour Economics
 ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy
 ECO3216 Behavioural Economics
 ECO3311 Economics of the Family
 ECO3313 Urban Economics
 ECO4002 Economics of Law and Policy
 ECO4210 History of Economic Thought
 ECO4324 Environmental Economics and Policy
 HRM3201 Compensation and Performance Management with Analytics
 HRM3202 Global Talent Management
 HRM3353 Quality and People
 HRM4355 Current Issues in Organisations
 HSM4001 Leading and Managing Health and Social Services (from 2026-27)
 HSM4005 Social Innovation and Social Enterprises
 HST3399m The History of Capitalism
 MGT4351 Management of Innovation and Change (coded as HRM4351 in 2025-26 or before)
 MGT4358 Be Future Ready! Work and Organisation in the Digital Era (coded as HRM4358 in 2025-26 or before)
 MKT2244 Green Marketing: ESG and Sustainability
 MKT2246 International Event Marketing: Social Media and Societal Impact (from 2026-27)
 PHI3209 Morality and Markets
 PSY2001 Introduction to Business Psychology and Organizational Behaviour
 PSY3004 Introduction to Consumer Psychology (from 2026-27)
 PSY3005 Managing Diversity in Organization
 PSY3202 Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health
 PSY4325 Industrial and Organisational Psychology
 SCI3009 ESG Fundamentals: Science, Data, and Decision-Making (from 2026-27)
 SOC3338 Social Stratification and Inequality
 SOC3340 Consumption and Society
 SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector
 SOC3343 Understanding Social Impact
 SSC3317 Economics of Law and Public Policy

[IV] Human-Environment Interactions

- A. Fundamentals of human-environment interactions
 - CLD9017 Ecology: The Science of Environmental Issues
 - GDS2001 Fundamentals of Green Design and Innovation
- B. Central environmental drivers and issues
 - CLD9008 Life Sciences: The Way Life Works
 - CLD9012 Natural Disasters: Science and Society
 - CLD9015 Understanding Evolution
 - CLD9018 Natural History of Hong Kong
 - CLD9024 Mapping Our Changing World
 - CLD9025 Climate Change and Human Health
 - CLD9026 Food: Health, Technology and Environment
 - CLD9027 Blue Planet
 - CLD9034 Microbiomes: Our Invisible Partners in Daily Life (from 2026-27)
 - SCI2001 Introduction to Scientific Literacy
 - SCI3001 Location Intelligence
 - SCI3002 Environmental Science
 - SCI3003 Conservation and Biodiversity
 - SCI3004 Climate Change
 - SCI3005 Earth Science
 - SCI3006 Sustainability
 - SCI3007 Special Topics in Environmental Science
- C. Contexts and consequences of planetary stewardship
 - ACT3369 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Issues in Business and Accounting
 - CLA9026 Nature Appreciation through Arts and Creative Media
 - CLB9028 Ecology and Chinese Cinema
 - CLB9029 Science Fiction in Literature and Visual Arts
 - CLB9033 Introduction to Musics of the World and Sustainability
 - CLC9019 Policy and Technology for Urban and Rural Sustainability
 - CLC9024 Sustainable Ocean and Aquaculture Management (from 2026-27)
 - CLD9001 Technology and Cultural Change
 - CLD9007 Ecology, the Environment and Society (deleted from 2026-27)
 - CLD9016 The Science and Technology of Music (titled as Music and the Science of Sound in 2024-25 or before)
 - CLD9020 Ethical Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence
 - CHI4348 Nature Writing and Practice
 - CUS2411 Food, Technology and Environments
 - ECO4324 Environmental Economics and Policy
 - GOV4303 Global Environmental Politics
 - HST1196 Human-Animal Relationship in History
 - HST2002 Aerial Technologies in History (not offered from 2027-28)
 - HST2261 World Environmental History
 - HST2354 History of Science and Technology in China
 - HST3269 A Cultural History of Water (not offered from 2027-28)
 - HST3399d Environmental History of China
 - MKT2244 Green Marketing: ESG and Sustainability
 - PHI2118 A Philosophical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
 - PHI3223 Bioethics
 - PHI3279 Philosophy of Technology
 - PHI3368 Philosophy of Science

PSY3103 Psychology of Human Performance and Technology
PSY3210 Engineering Psychology and Human-Centered Design (from 2026-27)
PSY3332 Environmental Psychology
PSY4001 Biological Psychology
SCI3009 ESG Fundamentals: Science, Data, and Decision-Making (from 2026-27)
SOC3334 Science, Technology and Society
SSC3218 Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC4339 Global Health
TRA4310 Translation for Science and Technology
TRA4327 Eco-translation