

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) History

## 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 |
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|                               |                                                                                                                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |       |
| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>             |                                                                                                                                       | Term              | Term                             | Term            |       |
| CCC8011                       | Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R)*                                                                                    |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| CCC8012                       | The Making of Hong Kong (R)*                                                                                                          |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| CCC8015                       | Generative Artificial Intelligence (R)*                                                                                               |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| LCC1010                       | Chinese Communication I (R)                                                                                                           |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| LUE1001                       | University English I (R) <sup>#</sup>                                                                                                 | 3                 |                                  |                 | 3     |
| LUE1002                       | University English II (R) <sup>#</sup>                                                                                                |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| HST1001                       | Historian's Craft (R)                                                                                                                 | 3                 |                                  |                 | 3     |
| HST1002                       | Ideas in Modern History (R)                                                                                                           |                   |                                  | 3               | 3     |
|                               | ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Elective(s) <sup>@</sup><br>(1 course for Group A students; 2 courses for Group B students) |                   | 3-6                              |                 | 3-6   |
|                               | ^ 1 Cluster Course                                                                                                                    |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
|                               |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 | 30    |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>            |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 |       |
| CCC8013                       | The Process of Science (R)*                                                                                                           |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| CCC8014                       | China in World History (R)*                                                                                                           |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| LCC2010                       | Chinese Communication II (R)                                                                                                          |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
|                               | 3 History Electives, up to 3000-level                                                                                                 |                   | 9                                |                 | 9     |
|                               | ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Elective(s) <sup>@</sup><br>(2 courses)                                                     |                   | 6                                |                 | 6     |
|                               | ^ 1 Cluster Course                                                                                                                    |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
|                               |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 | 27    |
| <b>SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS</b> |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 |       |
|                               | ELE Elective <sup>##</sup> or Free Elective <sup>@</sup>                                                                              |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
| LUE4001                       | Professional Communication in English<br>for Arts and Humanities (R)                                                                  |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
|                               |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 | 6     |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>             |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 |       |
|                               | 6 History Electives                                                                                                                   |                   | 18                               |                 | 18    |
|                               | ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Elective(s) <sup>@</sup><br>(2-3 courses)                                                   |                   | 6-9                              |                 | 6-9   |
|                               | ^ 1 Cluster Course                                                                                                                    |                   | 3                                |                 | 3     |
|                               |                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                  |                 | 27-30 |

(R) denotes required course(s).

\* Students are assigned to take CCC8011, CCC8012 and CCC8015 in the first year, and CCC8013 and CCC8014 in the second year (or the third year for those designated as Year 3 students upon admission).

# 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>.

@ Students are required to take 27 credits of free electives.

^ Students are required to complete 4 Cluster courses in total. For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

|                                                                                   | Number of Credits |                                  |                 |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                                                                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Total       |
| <b>FOURTH YEAR</b>                                                                | <b>Term</b>       | <b>Term</b>                      | <b>Term</b>     | <b>Term</b> |
| 5 History Electives                                                               |                   | 15                               |                 | 15          |
| ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Electives <sup>@</sup><br>(3-4 courses) |                   | 9-12                             |                 | 9-12        |
| ^ 1 Cluster Course                                                                |                   | 3                                |                 | 3           |
|                                                                                   |                   |                                  |                 | 27-30       |

Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

### History Electives (Total 14 courses, 42 credits)

Students must take at least 3 electives at the 3000-level, and at least 1 elective at the 4000-level.

Students must take at least one elective from each of the four categories below. Courses that appear in more than one category can be used to fulfill this requirement in one category only.

#### Category 1: China (including Hong Kong Studies)

- HST1005 History of Early China: From Prehistory to the Han Dynasty (coded as HST2003 in 2025-26 or before)
- HST1006 Art and Society in China (from 2027-28)
- HST1007 Twentieth Century China in Film (from 2027-28)
- HST1115 Introduction to Chinese History (not offered from 2027-28)
- HST2005 History of Macau (from 2027-28)
- HST2191 Hong Kong's Heritage (from 2026-27)
- HST2203 History of China in the Twentieth Century
- HST2251 History of Hong Kong before 1841
- HST2252 History of Hong Kong from 1841 to 1941
- HST2353 Chinese Social and Economic History
- HST2354 History of Science and Technology in China
- HST3005 Early Chinese Political and Ethical Thought
- HST3006 Late Imperial and Modern China: Issues and Approaches
- HST3013 An Urban History of Hong Kong (from 2027-28)
- HST3014 Empire, Revolution, and Reform: China from Late Qing to Modern Period (from 2027-28)
- HST3015 The History of Water in China (from 2027-28)
- HST3202 History of the Ming and Qing Dynasties
- HST3208 History of Hong Kong from 1941
- HST3209 Hong Kong Public History
- HST3311 Critical Themes in the History of China's Cultural Interchange
- HST3352 History of Religions in China (not offered from 2027-28)
- HST3355 History of U.S.-China Relations
- HST3359 History of Women and Children in China
- HST4002 Chinese Historiography
- HST4003 China and the Global Opium Trade (not offered from 2027-28)
- HST4360 Historical Geography of China
- HST4361 Critical Themes in Pre-Modern Chinese History

(R) denotes required course(s).

<sup>##</sup> 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>.

<sup>@</sup> Students are required to take 27 credits of free electives.

<sup>^</sup> Students are required to complete 4 Cluster courses in total. For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

### Category 2: China's Neighbors

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| HST1151 | History of Modern East Asia                                                                  |
| HST1365 | History of Russia and Central Asia (not offered from 2027-28)                                |
| HST2004 | Russia and Eastern Europe: History through the Arts (not offered from 2027-28)               |
| HST2258 | Introduction to Japanese History                                                             |
| HST2259 | Introduction to Korean History                                                               |
| HST2260 | Introduction to Southeast Asian History                                                      |
| HST2263 | History of the Modern Middle East (not offered from 2027-28)                                 |
| HST2264 | Introduction to South Asian History (not offered from 2027-28)                               |
| HST2265 | History of Modern Islamic Societies (not offered from 2027-28)                               |
| HST3003 | History of Central Asia: From the Silk Road to the Belt and Road (not offered from 2027-28)  |
| HST3016 | Science, Technology, and Environment in East Asia (from 2027-28)                             |
| HST3017 | Japan in Asia, Asia in Japan (from 2027-28)                                                  |
| HST3312 | Russia and the Former Soviet Union: Politics, Economy and Society (not offered from 2027-28) |
| HST4003 | China and the Global Opium Trade (not offered from 2027-28)                                  |
| HST4004 | Cities in East Asian History (not offered from 2027-28)                                      |

### Category 3: West

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| HST1113 | Introduction to the History of the USA                                                       |
| HST1114 | Introduction to European History                                                             |
| HST2004 | Russia and Eastern Europe: History through the Arts (not offered from 2027-28)               |
| HST2356 | History of Nineteenth Century Europe                                                         |
| HST2357 | History of Twentieth Century Europe                                                          |
| HST2363 | History of Modern Germany                                                                    |
| HST2364 | History of Modern Britain                                                                    |
| HST3018 | Comparative Fascism in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Europe (from 2027-28)                        |
| HST3255 | Empire, Slavery, and Capitalism in North America to 1865                                     |
| HST3256 | Critical Intersections in U.S. History since 1865: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality        |
| HST3266 | Europe and Europeans in Historical Perspective                                               |
| HST3312 | Russia and the Former Soviet Union: Politics, Economy and Society (not offered from 2027-28) |
| HST4005 | War, Gender and Society in 20 <sup>th</sup> -century Europe                                  |
| HST4367 | The End of the British Empire                                                                |

### Category 4: Transnational History and Methodologies

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| HST1008 | Introduction to Oral History (from 2027-28)                                                                                    |
| HST1194 | East-West Value Clashes in Modern History                                                                                      |
| HST1196 | Human-Animal Relationship in History                                                                                           |
| HST2001 | Modern Revolutions and Musical Performance (not offered from 2027-28)                                                          |
| HST2002 | Aerial Technologies in History (not offered from 2027-28)                                                                      |
| HST2006 | Safeguarding Cultural Heritage (from 2027-28)                                                                                  |
| HST2007 | Cities Across Civilisations (coded as HST3268 in 2025-26 or before)                                                            |
| HST2153 | Ancient Civilisations                                                                                                          |
| HST2261 | World Environmental History                                                                                                    |
| HST2265 | History of Modern Islamic Societies (not offered from 2027-28)                                                                 |
| HST3002 | The 'Long 1970s': Britain, Hong Kong, and the United States                                                                    |
| HST3007 | Global History of History (titled as Varieties of History: Global History of Historical Writings in Term 1, 2025-26 or before) |
| HST3008 | Gender and Sexuality in History                                                                                                |
| HST3009 | History of Human Rights (not offered from 2027-28)                                                                             |
| HST3010 | Gender and Religion in History                                                                                                 |
| HST3012 | History of Information (not offered from 2027-28)                                                                              |
| HST3016 | Science, Technology, and Environment in East Asia (from 2027-28)                                                               |
| HST3018 | Comparative Fascism in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Europe (from 2027-28)                                                          |

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| HST3019 | A Global History of Housing (from 2027-28)                                     |
| HST3020 | Fashion in History (from 2027-28)                                              |
| HST3269 | A Cultural History of Water (not offered from 2027-28)                         |
| HST3311 | Critical Themes in the History of China's Cultural Interchange                 |
| HST3355 | History of U.S.-China Relations                                                |
| HST4001 | Development Theories and Development Aid in History (not offered from 2027-28) |
| HST4003 | China and the Global Opium Trade (not offered from 2027-28)                    |
| HST4006 | Gender and the British Empire                                                  |
| HST4007 | Comparative Modern Revolutions (not offered from 2027-28)                      |
| HST4008 | Sensory History (from 2027-28)                                                 |
| HST4009 | Violence in Modern History (from 2027-28)                                      |
| HST4367 | The End of the British Empire                                                  |

Other Electives:

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| HST3398/ | Special Topics in History <sup>@</sup>   |
| HST3399  |                                          |
| HST4302  | Senior History Directed Research Project |
| HST4499  | History Capstone Seminar <sup>@</sup>    |

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<sup>@</sup> The category of the special topic will be announced when the actual topic is offered.

## OPTIONAL CONCENTRATION:

Students may choose to declare a Concentration in one of the following two areas, if they complete at least 24 credits of electives in areas I or II, as defined below. Declaration can be made during Year 3 Advising.

- (I) Asian History: Electives categories 1 and 2
- (II) Global History: Electives categories 2, 3, and 4

## Free Electives

Students may select courses in any discipline to obtain the total number of credits required for graduation, subject to timetable, course load and study scheme constraints. Students are strongly encouraged to choose Free Elective courses from the department-recommended list.