

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy

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		
		1 st	1 st /2 nd	2 nd
		Term	Term	Term
		Total		
FIRST YEAR				
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) [#]	3		3
LUE1002	University English II (R) [#]		3	3
PHI1002	Introduction to Philosophy (R)	3		3
PHI1003	Ethics: East and West (R)			3
	ELE Elective(s) ^{##} and/or Free Elective(s) [@]		3-6	3-6
	(1 course for Group A students; 2 courses for Group B students)			
	^ 1 Cluster Course		3	3
				30
SECOND YEAR				
CCC8013	The Process of Science (R)*		3	3
CCC8014	China in World History (R)*		3	3
LCC2010	Chinese Communication II (R)		3	3
PHI3101	Deductive Logic (R)	3		3
				12
SECOND TO THIRD YEARS				
	2 History of Philosophy Courses		6	6
	2 Core Philosophy Courses		6	6
	2 Ethics and Political Philosophy Courses		6	6
				18
SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS				
	^ 3 Cluster Courses		9	9
	5-6 Programme Electives		15-18	15-18
	ELE Elective(s) ^{##} and/or Free Electives [@]		27	27
	(9 courses)			
LUE4001	Professional Communication in English for Arts and Humanities (R) ◇		3	3
				54-57

(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.

◇ Students are allowed to take LUE4001 during any term from Year 2 with completion of LUE1002 as the pre-requisite.

		<u>Number of Credits</u>			
		1 st	1 st /2 nd	2 nd	
		<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
FOURTH YEAR					
PHI4301	Directed Research Project		6		6
	<u>or</u>				
PHI4001	Research Seminar ~		3		3
					3-6

Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

REQUIREMENTS IN PHILOSOPHY

There are altogether 48 credits in the major discipline. The Philosophy discipline requires students to take 10 required courses (30 - 33 credits) and either 6 programme elective courses (18 credits) together with a research seminar (3 credits) or 5 elective courses (15 credits) in conjunction with a final year project (6 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 research seminar (3 credits) in addition.

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

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:

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)

[* **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:

PHI3231	Epistemology
PHI3265	Philosophy of Mind
PHI4366	Philosophy of Language

(R) denotes required course(s).

~ PHI4001 CAN be taken in Year 3 with approval from Academic Advisor.

Ethics and Political Philosophy Unit

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

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 if PHI3232 is the only available Chinese tradition course in the year the student requests for substitution. 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	Research Seminar (This course can be taken in Year 3 with approval from Academic Advisor)
PHI4301	Directed Research Project

Programme Elective Courses (Total 6 courses, 18 credits together with 3-credit 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
PHI3002	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
PHI3372	Intergenerational Ethics and The Future of Humanity
PHI3374	The Ethics of War and Peace
PHI3375	Animal Ethics (from 2026-27)
PHI3376	Environmental Ethics (from 2026-27)
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
PHI3001	Causation, Explanation and Causal Inference
PHI3279	Philosophy of Technology
PHI3282	Philosophy of History
PHI3283	Philosophy of Social Science
PHI3286	Philosophy of Psychiatry (from 2026-27)
PHI3368	Philosophy of Science
PHI3370	Probability and Scientific Method
PHI3371	Personal Identity
PHI3373	Social Epistemology in a Digital Age
PHI4101	Modal Logic
PHI4365	Philosophy of Action

Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence

PAI3001	Data Analysis for the Humanities
PAI3002	Ethics and Artificial Intelligence
PAI3003	Programming for the Humanities
PAI4001	AI Ethics and Social Policy
PAI4002	Consciousness, Creativity, and Computation
PAI4003	Philosophy of Machine Learning

Special Topics

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.