Bachelor of Arts (Honours) History

Programme Structure for 2024-25 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			
		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd 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
HST1001	Historian's Craft (R)	3			3
HST1002	Ideas in Modern History (R)			3	3
	ELE Elective(s)## and/or Free Elective(s)@ (1 course for Group A students; 2 courses for Group B students)		3-6		3-6
	^ 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
	3 History Electives, up to 3000-level		9		9
	ELE Elective(s)## and/or Free Elective(s)@ (2 courses)		6		6
	^ 1 Cluster Course		3		3
					27
SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS					
	ELE Elective## or Free Elective@		3		3
LUE4001	Professional Communication in English for Arts and Humanities (R)		3		3
					6
THIRD YEAR					
	6 History Electives		18		18
	ELE Elective(s)## and/or Free Elective(s)@ (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			
FOURTH YEAR	1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
5 History Electives		15		15
ELE Elective(s)## and/or Free Electives@ (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)
HST2203	History of China in the Twentieth Century
HST2005	History of Macau (from 2027-28)
HST2191	Hong Kong's Heritage (from 2026-27)
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).

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Category 2: China's Neighbors

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

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 20th 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 20th-century Europe
HST4367 The End of the British Empire

Category 4: Transnational History and Methodologies

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 20th Century Europe (from 2027-28)
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:
HST3398/ HST3399 Special Topics in History[@]
HST4302 Senior History Directed Research Project
HST4499 History Capstone Seminar[@]

[@] 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.