Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence

Programme Structure for 2025-26 Intake (Senior Year Entry)

The following description specifies the programme curriculum for students who pursue the programme on a full-time two-year basis. Flexibility is allowed for completing the programme within a longer period in accordance with the stipulations in the Regulations Governing Undergraduate Studies.

		Number of Credits			
		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
THIRD YEAR					
CCC8013	The Process of Science (R)	3			3
CCC8014	China in World History (R)			3	3
LCC2010	Chinese Communication II (R)		3		3
LUE1002	University English II (R)#		3		3
PHI2118	A Philosophical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (R)	3			3
PAI3001	Data Analysis for the Humanities (R)			3	3
PAI3002	Ethics and Artificial Intelligence (R)			3	3
PAI3003	Programming for the Humanities (R)	3			3
	1 Core Philosophy Course	3			3
	ELE Elective#		3		3
					30
FOURTH YEAR					
LUE4001	Professional Communication in English for Arts and Humanities (R)#		3		3
PAI4001	AI Ethics and Social Policy (R)			3	3
PAI4002	Consciousness, Creativity, and Computation (R)			3	3
PAI4003	Philosophy of Machine Learning (R)	3			3
PHI4301	Directed Research Project	6			6
	or				
PHI4001	Research Seminar	(3)			(3)
	1 Core Philosophy Course			3	3
	1 Ethics and Political Philosophy Course	3			3
	2 Elective Courses	3		3	6
	1 additional Elective Course if PHI4001 is taken instead of PHI4301		(3)		(3)
					30
				Minimum credits for Honours Degree:	60

(R) denotes required course(s).

Students are encouraged to take their first required ELE course in their first term. The ELE elective may be taken from the term during which LUE1002 is taken. For details, please refer to https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum.

REQUIREMENTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

There are altogether 42 credits in the major discipline. The Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence discipline requires students to take 11 required courses (33-36 credits) and 2-3 elective courses (6-9 credits)^.

^ If students opt to take a 3-credit Research Seminar, then he/she would need to take a total of 3 elective courses (9 credits). If students opt to carry out a 6-credit Directed Research Project, then he/she would only take a total of 2 elective courses (6 credits). A Directed Research 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 3-credit Research Seminar in addition.

Required Courses (Total 11 courses, 33-36 credits)

Core Courses

Students must take all the following courses:

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
PHI2118 A Philosophical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Core Philosophy Courses

Students must take two courses from the following:

PHI3231 Epistemology
PHI3265 Philosophy of Mind
PHI4366 Philosophy of Language

Ethics and Political Philosophy Unit

Students must take one course from the following:

PHI3102 Chinese Political Philosophy
PHI3103 Advanced Western Ethics
PHI3104 Western Political Philosophy
PHI3232 Ethics: The Chinese Tradition

Capstone Unit

Students must take one course from the following:
PHI4001 Research Seminar*
PHI4301 Directed Research Project*
[*Students with the Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence major must choose a topic related to Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence]

Elective Courses (Any 3 courses, 9 credits, together with a 3-credit PHI4001 Research Seminar or any 2 courses, 6 credits together with a 6-credit PHI4301 Direct Research Project). Each elective course carries 3 credits.

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
PHI3281 Philosophy of Photography
PHI4363 Analytic Philosophy of Art
PHI4373 Cinema and Philosophy

Ethics and Practical Philosophy
PHI3105 Philosophy of Happiness
PHI3201 Applied Ethics
PHI3222 Life and Death
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)
PHI4372 Theories of Justice
PHI4374 Value Theory

Philosophy of Natural and Human Sciences
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
PHI3371 Personal Identity
PHI3373 Social Epistemology in a Digital Age
PHI4101 Modal Logic

Special Topics
PHI4399h Special Topics: Philosophical Methodology
PHI4399j Special Topics: Philosophy of Psychology
PHI4399t Philosophy of Probability