Bachelor of Liberal Arts (Honours) Global Development and Sustainability

Programme Structure for 2026-27 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
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			
		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
SECOND TO FOURTH YEAR					
	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 or		3		3
LUE4002	Professional Communication in English for Business or				
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 <u>two semesters</u> on <u>two different continents</u> (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
   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
   GOV4309 Current Issues in International Politics
   PHI3203 Social and Political Philosophy
   PHI3283 Philosophy of Social Science
   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
HST1194 East-West Value Clashes in Modern History
HST3009 History of Human Rights (not offered from 2027-28)
PAI4001 AI Ethics and Social Policy
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
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
SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector
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 Languaging: 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
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
CUS2413 Make a Difference through Social Innovation
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
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
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
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
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
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
HSM4005 Social Innovation and Social Enterprises
HST3399m The History of Capitalism
MGT4351 Management of Innovation and Change
MGT4358 Be Future Ready! Work and Organisation in the Digital Era
MKT2244 Green Marketing: ESG and Sustainability
MKT2246 International Event Marketing: Social Media and Societal Impact
PHI3209 Morality and Markets
PSY2001 Introduction to Business Psychology and Organizational Behaviour
PSY3004 Introduction to Consumer Psychology
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
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
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
CLD9001 Technology and Cultural Change
CLD9016 The Science and Technology of Music
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

PSY3332 Environmental Psychology
PSY4001 Biological Psychology
SCI3009 ESG Fundamentals: Science, Data, and Decision-Making
SOC3334 Science, Technology and Society
SSC3218 Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC4339 Global Health
TRA4310 Translation for Science and Technology
TRA4327 Eco-translation