

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy

## 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			Total
	1 <sup>st</sup> Term	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>				
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
PHI1002	Introduction to Philosophy (R)	3		3
PHI1003	Ethics: East and West (R)		3	3
	ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Elective(s) <sup>@</sup> (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
PHI3101	Deductive Logic (R)	3		3
				12
<b>SECOND TO THIRD YEARS</b>				
	2 History of Philosophy Courses		6	6
	2 Core Philosophy Courses		6	6
	2 Ethics and Political Philosophy Courses		6	6
				18
<b>SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS</b>				
	^ 3 Cluster Courses		9	9
	5-6 Programme Electives		15-18	15-18
	ELE Elective(s) <sup>##</sup> and/or Free Electives <sup>@</sup> (9 courses)		27	27
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 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Total
		<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term</u>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>					
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<sup>^</sup> - 33<sup>^</sup>credits) and either 6 programme elective courses (18 credits) together with a research seminar (3<sup>^</sup> credits) or 5 elective courses (15 credits) in conjunction with a final year project (6<sup>^</sup> 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

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(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
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
PHI3368	Philosophy of Science
PHI3370	Probability and Scientific Method
PHI3371	Personal Identity
PHI4101	Modal Logic
PHI4365	Philosophy of Action

#### 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.