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Courses in Foundations Group								
CTDL 1901	Cognitive Foundations of University Education: Critical Thinking and Data Literacy	3	CTDL			CORE 1901		
CTDL 1902	AI Literacy & Critical Thinking: Survival Skills for a Changing World	3	CTDL			--		
HMAW 1905	Behavioral Foundations of University Education: Habits, Mindsets, and Wellness	3	HMW			CORE 1905		
LANG 1401	Intensive English Language for University Studies	3	E-Comm			CORE 1401		
LANG 1402	English Language for University Studies	3	E-Comm			CORE 1402		
LANG 1403	Academic English for University Studies	3	E-Comm			CORE 1403		
LANG 1404	Advanced Academic English for University Studies	3	E-Comm			CORE 1404		
LANG 1411	Elementary Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm			CORE 1411		
LANG 1412	Intermediate Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm			CORE 1412		
LANG 1413	Advanced Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm			CORE 1413		
LANG 1414	Elementary Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm			CORE 1414		
LANG 1415	Intermediate Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm			CORE 1415		
LANG 1416	Effective Chinese Communication	3	C-Comm			CORE 1416		
LANG 1421	Chinese Communication in the Digital Era	3	C-Comm			CORE 1421		
LANG 1422	Chinese for Workplace Applications	3	C-Comm			CORE 1422		
LANG 1423	Chinese Communication in Global Context	3	C-Comm			CORE 1423		
LANG 1424	Chinese Writing in Cultural Contexts	3	C-Comm			--		
Courses Cross-Listed in Foundations and Broadening Groups[3]								
HUMA 1660	Introduction to Chinese Art	3	C-Comm, A, H			--		CORE 1651[#]
HUMA 2660	Introduction to Chinese Painting	3	C-Comm, A, H		--		CORE 2651[#]	
HUMA 3810	Taoism and the Chinese Tradition	3	C-Comm, H		--		CORE 3572[#]	
Courses in Broadening Group								
ACCT 1010	Accounting, Business and Society	3	SA		--		CORE 1310[#]	
CENG 1800	Introduction to Food Science and Technology	3	S, T		--		CORE 1212	
CHEM 1002	Introduction to Chemistry of Cosmetics	3	S			--		CORE 1121
CHEM 1004	Chemistry in Everyday Life	3	S		--		CORE 1120	
CIVL 1180	Monitoring Our Changing Climate and Environment through Remote Sensing Technology	3	S, T			--		
CIVL 1190	Climate Change, Big History and Sustainability	3	S, T		--		CORE 1223	
CIVL 1220	Big Data for Smarter Cities	3	T			--		
COMP 1001	Exploring Multimedia and Internet Computing	3	T		--		CORE 1231	
COMP 1942	Exploring and Visualizing Data	3	T		--		CORE 1232	
COMP 1943	Creative Sound and Video Design	3	A, T		--		CORE 1233	
COMP 1944	Artificial Intelligence Ethics	3	T, SA		--		CORE 1234	
ECON 1220	Thinking like an Economist I: Microeconomics	3	SA			--		
ECON 1221	Thinking like an Economist II: Macroeconomics	3	SA			--		
ECON 1222	What Economics Tells Us About Our Life and Social Policy	3	SA			--		
ELEC 1010	Electronic and Information Technology	3	T		--		CORE 1240	

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ENGG 1110	Engineering Solutions to Grand Challenges of the 21st Century	3	T			--	CORE 1202	
ENGG 1150	Information Technology Revolution: Past, Present and Future	3	T			--	CORE 1203	
ENGG 1200	Engineering Team Design Experience	3	T			--	CORE 1200	
ENGG 1300	Design Thinking for Health Innovation	3	T			--	CORE 1201	
ENTR 1001	Entrepreneurship 1001: Designing Your Future	3	T			--	CORE 1001	
ENVR 1030	Environment and Health	3	T		--			
ENVR 1080	The Smart Consumer - Uncovering the Hidden Story behind the Product Label	3	SA			--	CORE 1943#	
ENVR 1150	Climate Change Impacts and Extreme Weather Events	3	S			--	CORE 1941	
ENVR 2020	Urban Air Pollution	3	S			--	CORE 2941#	
ENVR 2050	Sustainability Thinking	3	SA			--	CORE 2942#	
ENVR 2060	From Trash to Treasure: Managing Waste to Resources	3	SA			--	CORE 2943#	
ENVR 2070	Smart Buildings for a Warming Planet	3	T			--	CORE 2944#	
FINA 1303	Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions	3	SA			--	CORE 1330#	
HUMA 1010	Introduction to Language	3	H			--	CORE 1501#	
HUMA 1030	Structure of the Chinese Language	3	H				--	CORE 1503#
HUMA 1060	Introduction to Mandarin Chinese Grammar	3	H				--	CORE 1504#
HUMA 1100	Music of the World	3	A			--	CORE 1631#	
HUMA 1102	Enjoyment of Classical Music	3	A			--	CORE 1632#	
HUMA 1150	Exploration of Drawing	3	A			--	CORE 1660#	
HUMA 1154	Photography	3	A			--	CORE 1666#	
HUMA 1155	Video Art	3	A			--	CORE 1667#	
HUMA 1156	Exploration of Chinese Calligraphy	3	A			--	CORE 1669#	
HUMA 1210	Chinese Women on Screen	3	A, H				--	CORE 1601#
HUMA 1231	Popular Culture of East Asia	3	A				--	CORE 1602#
HUMA 1301	World Literature and Film	3	A			--	CORE 1603#	
HUMA 1430	History of P. R. China's Diplomacy, 1949-1989	3	H				--	CORE 1522#
HUMA 1520	Modern East Asia	3	H			--	CORE 1523#	
HUMA 1622	Science, Technology and Society: Historical and Cultural Approaches	3	H, SA		--			
HUMA 1630	Popular Religion in South China	3	H		--			
HUMA 1639	Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives	3	H			--	CORE 1554#	
HUMA 1650	Appreciation of Western Art	3	A, H		--			
HUMA 1671	Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong Culture	3	A, H			--	CORE 1661#	
HUMA 1672	Studio Arts Workshops: Cantonese Opera	1	A			--	CORE 1662#	
HUMA 1673	Art and Digital Culture	3	A			--	CORE 1668#	
HUMA 1674	China in Historical Maps	3	H		--			

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HUMA 1710	The Art of Thinking in the Hong Kong Context	3	H		--	--	CORE 1571#	CORE 1571#
HUMA 1720	Logic	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 1572#
HUMA 1811	History of Chinese Philosophy	3	H		--	--	CORE 1574#	CORE 1574#
HUMA 1920	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	3	H		--	--	CORE 1576#	CORE 1576#
HUMA 1921	Philosophy of Science	3	H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 1922	Introduction to Analytic Philosophy	3	H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2010	Metaphors in English and Chinese	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2501#
HUMA 2031	The Cantonese Language	3	H		--	--	CORE 2502#	CORE 2502#
HUMA 2032	Language, Power and Identity	3	H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2101	Enjoyment of Western Opera	3	A		--	--	CORE 2631#	CORE 2631#
HUMA 2104	Music Theory I: Introduction to Tonal Music	3	A		--	--	CORE 2632#	CORE 2632#
HUMA 2105	Music, Drama and Theatre	3	A		--	--	CORE 2633#	CORE 2633#
HUMA 2107	Introduction to Electronic Music Composition	3	A		--	--	CORE 2634#	CORE 2634#
HUMA 2108	Music of China	3	A		--	--	CORE 2635#	CORE 2635#
HUMA 2109	East Asian Popular Music	3	A, H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2202	The Modern Japanese Novel	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2023-24 Summer.	--	--	--	--
HUMA 2203	Japanese Cinema	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Fall.	--	--	--	--
HUMA 2240	Reading Chinese Literature: Dreams of the Red Chamber	3	A		--	--	CORE 2601#	CORE 2601#
HUMA 2250	Modern Chinese Fiction (1917-1949)	3	H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2260	Contemporary Chinese Fiction (1949-present)	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2603#
HUMA 2300	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Early Chinese Poetry	3	A, H		--	--	--	CORE 2604#
HUMA 2310	Traditional Chinese Fiction	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2605#
HUMA 2330	Anime	3	A, H		--	--	CORE 2606#	CORE 2606#
HUMA 2331	Media Theories of Japanese Animation	3	A, H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2340	Between Old and New: Chinese Stories and Their Reinventions	3	A		--	--	CORE 2607#	CORE 2607#
HUMA 2420	Late Imperial China	3	H		--	--	CORE 2521#	CORE 2521#
HUMA 2430	China in the 20th Century	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2522#
HUMA 2440	20th-Century China in Documentary Films	3	H		--	--	CORE 2523#	CORE 2523#
HUMA 2470	From Fung Shui to Mao's Villages: City Plans, Urban Politics & the Unseen World of Chinese Villages	3	H		--	--	--	--
HUMA 2520	History of Tea in East Asia	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2525#
HUMA 2588	Nazism and German Society, 1914-1945	3	H		--	--	--	CORE 2526#
HUMA 2621	Culture and Environment	3	H		--	--	CORE 2551#	CORE 2551#
HUMA 2632	Chinese Culture and Society in Anthropological Perspectives	3	H		--	--	CORE 2553#	CORE 2553#

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HUMA 2635	Cultural Diversity in China	3	H			--		CORE 2554#
HUMA 2638	Peoples and Cultures in Southeast Asia	3	H			--		CORE 2555#
HUMA 2640	Unofficial China: Social History 1800s-1930s	3	H			--		CORE 2529#
HUMA 2661	Chinese Oil Painting	3	A, H			--		CORE 2652#
HUMA 2670	Understanding Western Painting	3	A, H			--		
HUMA 2680	Understanding Western Architecture	3	A, H			--		CORE 2654#
HUMA 2840	Buddhism and the Chinese Intellectual Tradition	3	H			--		CORE 2571#
HUMA 2911	Buddhism: Origin and Growth	3	H			--		CORE 2572#
HUMA 2921	Ethical Theories and Contemporary Issues	3	H			--		CORE 2573#
HUMA 2930	What am I? Personal Identity and the Self from a Philosophical Perspective	3	H			--		CORE 2574#
HUMA 3030	Language, Communication and Culture	3	H			--		CORE 3501#
HUMA 3050	Psychology of Language	3	H			--		CORE 3502#
HUMA 3060	Language and Migration	3	H			--		CORE 3503#
HUMA 3201	Animation: A Global Perspective	3	A, H			--		
HUMA 3210	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Tang and Song Poetry	3	H			--		CORE 3602#
HUMA 3220	Modern Chinese Poetry	3	A			--		CORE 3603#
HUMA 3250	Independent Cinema in Contemporary China	3	H			--		CORE 3604#
HUMA 3430	Reading Modern Chinese History Historically	3	H			--		CORE 3521#
HUMA 3630	Community and Cultural Identity	3	H			--		
HUMA 3660	Tradition & Modernity: Chinese Ink Painting in 20th Century	3	A, H			--		CORE 3651#
HUMA 3680	Contemporary Architecture: The Pritzker Prize Winners	3	A, H			--		
HUMA 3800	Guided Studies in Chinese Philosophical Classics	3	H			--		CORE 3571#
HUMA 3821	Classical Chinese Philosophy (in English)	3	H			--		CORE 3573#
HUMA 3900	Philosophical Inquiry into the Modern World	3	H			--		CORE 3574#
IEDA 1250	Optimizing Decisions for Personal and Business Development	3	S, T			--		CORE 1251
ISDN 2000	What is Design and Why Design?	3	T			--		CORE 2261#
ISOM 1090	Social Media: Collective Intelligence & Creativity	3	SA			--		CORE 1341#
ISOM 1380	Technology and Innovation: Social and Business Perspectives	3	SA			--		CORE 1340#
ISOM 1500	Insightful Decisions	3	SA			--		
ISOM 1700	Critical Issues in Business Operations	3	SA			--		
ISOM 2030	Business Protections for Innovations	3	SA			--		
ISOM 2310	Fundamentals of E-Commerce: Business, Technology, and the Society	3	SA			--		CORE 1343#
ISOM 2400	Global Information Infrastructure and Policy	3	T, SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2023-24 Winter.		--		

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LANG 1405	Mediated Me: An Introduction to Digital Literacy	3	H	The course code was LANG 1004 on or before 2022-23 Winter.	--		CORE 1405	
LIFS 1010	Introduction to Biological Sciences	3	S		--			
LIFS 1020	Biology of Human Health	3	S			--		CORE 1130
MARK 1220	Marketing and Society	3	SA			--	CORE 1360#	
MARK 1230	Consumerism and Happiness	3	SA			--	CORE 1361#	
MECH 1905	Buildings for Contemporary Living	3	S, T			--	CORE 1270	
MGMT 1110	Introduction to Management	3	SA			--	CORE 1371#	
MGMT 1120	Developing the Leader in You	3	SA			--		
MGMT 1130	Traps and Pitfalls in Judgment and Decision Making	3	SA			--	CORE 1373#	
OCES 1030	Environmental Science	3	S			--	CORE 1140	
PHYS 1001	Physics and the Modern Society	3	S			--	CORE 1110	
PHYS 1002	Introduction to Astrophysics and Astronomy	3	S			--		
PHYS 1003	Energy and Related Environmental Issues	3	S			--	CORE 1111	
PHYS 1007	Quantum Information for Everyone	3	S			--	CORE 1112	
PPOL 2110	Science, Technology and Society in China	3	SA			--	CORE 2940	
RMBI 1010	Risk Management in Financial Institutions	3	SA			--		
RMBI 1020	Business Intelligence for Data-Driven Decisions	3	T			--		
SCIE 1120	Chemistry and Life	3	S			--		
SOSC 1150	Science, Technology and Work	3	SA			--		
SOSC 1190	China and the World: China's Development in Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3	SA			--		
SOSC 1270	International Law	3	SA			--	CORE 1770#	
SOSC 1309	Making Sense of Government and Politics	3	SA			--		CORE 1710
SOSC 1359	China: Development and Transformations	3	SA			--	CORE 1730	
SOSC 1400	Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area	3	SA			--		CORE 1740#
SOSC 1420	Poverty	3	SA			--	CORE 1720#	
SOSC 1449	Understanding Our Economy	3	SA			--		CORE 1810
SOSC 1470	The Economic and Political Development of Modern Japan	3	SA			--		
SOSC 1662	Contemporary Hong Kong Society	3	SA			--	CORE 1862#	
SOSC 1700	What Is Democracy?	3	SA			--		
SOSC 1780	Population and Development in China	3	SA			--		CORE 1780#
SOSC 1840	Government, Law and Society in China	3	SA			--		CORE 1840#
SOSC 1859	Exploring Society	3	SA			--	CORE 1850	
SOSC 1860	Population and Society	3	SA			--	CORE 1860#	
SOSC 1969	Discovering Mind and Behavior	3	SA			--		
SOSC 2130	Education and Society	3	SA			--	CORE 2730#	
SOSC 2299	The Rise and Fall of Globalization	3	SA			--		

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SOSC 2320	Exploring Political Theory	3	SA			--	CORE 2720#	
SOSC 2330	Environmental Politics and Policy	3	SA			--	CORE 2830#	
SOSC 2740	Gender and Society	3	SA			--	CORE 2740#	
SOSC 3001	Understanding China, 1700-2000: A Data Analytic Approach	3	SA				--	CORE 3701#
SOSC 3130	Hong Kong Culture	3	SA			--	CORE 3730#	
SOSC 3240	Application of Geographical Information Systems	3	SA				--	CORE 3740#
SOSC 3410	East Asian Economic Development	3	SA			--	CORE 3710#	
SOSC 3520	Understanding Comparative Politics	3	SA				--	
SOSC 3600	Public Policy Analysis	3	SA			--	CORE 3860#	
SOSC 3630	Democracy and Democratization around the World	3	SA				--	CORE 3863#
SOSC 3880	Social Inequality and Social Mobility	3	SA			--	CORE 3880#	
SUST 1010	Introduction to Sustainability	3	T, SA			--	CORE 1940	

Common Core Areas

CTDL : Critical Thinking and Data Literacy ; HMW : Habits, Mindsets, and Wellness ; E-Comm : English Communication ; C-Comm : Chinese Communication; A : Arts ; H : Humanities ; S : Science ; T : Technology ; SA : Social Analysis

Notes:

1 *In 2022-23, all common core courses for the 30-credit Common Core Program had a "CORE" prefix. Starting from 2023-24, this prefix will be removed, and common core courses will be coded according to their subject area code (e.g., "ACCT" for Accounting). Students should pay attention to the following for study plan and before enrolling in classes:*

   i. *Students who took any of these "CORE" courses in 2022-23 can still use them to fulfill common core area requirements. However, they cannot retake the same course with the corresponding subject area code. For example, if students took CORE 1240 Electronic and Information Technology in 2022-23, they can use it to fulfill the common core Technology (T) area requirement. They cannot retake the same course in the subject area code ELEC 1010 Electronic and Information Technology in the following terms.*

   ii. *If students took a course that does not have a "CORE" prefix in 2022-23, they CANNOT use it to fulfill any common core requirements. For example, the credits earned from SOSC 1850 Understanding Society in 2022-23 CANNOT be used to fulfill the Social Analysis (SA) area requirements.*

   iii. *Students cannot use the "CORE" course to fulfill both common core and school/major requirements.*

   Remarks:

   # The subject area codes are the alternate code of the CORE codes. For example, HUMA 1150 is the alternate code for CORE 1660.

   In 2022-23, students cannot use courses with subject area prefix (e.g., HUMA 1150) to fulfill the common core requirement.

   But in 2023-24, students can use subject area-coded course (e.g., HUMA 1150) to fulfill EITHER the common core requirement OR School/major requirement (NOT BOTH).

2 *It's important to note that certain major/minor programs may include some common core courses as electives. While these courses can fulfill relevant major/minor requirements, students should be aware of the credit reuse rules specified by individual programs. Additionally, credits of common core courses cannot be used to count towards both common core and school/major requirements. Please refer to the program catalog or your major/minor departments for details.*

3 *To fulfill the C-Comm requirement, students can take courses from the Broadening group which falls into C-Comm area, but they must complete a common core course in the E-Comm area at HKUST first. On the other hand, they can enroll in C-Comm courses from the Foundations group without having to finish an E-Comm course. It's worth noting that all C-Comm courses in the Broadening group are listed under multiple common core areas, enabling students to use them to satisfy either the C-Comm requirement or the Broadening group requirement.*