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						Fall 2022-23	Winter 2022-23	Spring 2022-23	Summer 2022-23
ACCT									
ACCT 1010	Accounting, Business and Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1310		
BIEN									
BIEN 1010	Introduction to Biomedical Engineering	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
BIEN 1610	Engineering Life: Synthetic Biology and Innovations for Human Health	3	S&T	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
CENG									
CENG 1500	A First Course on Materials Science and Applications	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
CENG 1600	Biotechnology and Its Business Opportunities	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
CENG 1700	Introduction to Environmental Engineering	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
CENG 1800	Introduction to Food Science and Technology	3	S&T-SSC	From 2016-17 Summer onwards	Designated as a Science and Technology School-sponsored Course with effect from 2019-20 Winter.	--	CORE 1212		
CHEM									
CHEM 1002	Introduction to Chemistry of Cosmetics	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1121		
CHEM 1004	Chemistry in Everyday Life	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1120		
CIVL									
CIVL 1140	Environment and Society: Sustainable Development Goals and Carbon Neutrality	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall to 2021-22 Summer, and from 2024-25 Spring onwards	This was not a common core course from 2022-23 Fall to 2024-25 Winter.	--			
CIVL 1160	Civil Engineering and Modern Society	3	S&T-SSC	From 2019-20 Winter onwards		--			
CIVL 1180	Monitoring Changing Climate from Space	3	S&T	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
CIVL 1190	Climate Change, Big History and Sustainability	3	S&T	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Spring is CORE 1223. The course code is changed to CIVL 1190 in 2023-24.	--	CORE 1223		
CIVL 1210	Fundamental of Green Buildings	3	S&T	From 2025-26 Spring onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
CIVL 1220	Big Data for Smarter Cities	3	S&T	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
COMP									
COMP 1001	Exploring Multimedia and Internet Computing	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1231		
COMP 1021	Introduction to Computer Science	3	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
COMP 1022P	Introduction to Computing with Java	3	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
COMP 1942	Exploring and Visualizing Data	3	S&T	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--	CORE 1232		
			QR	From 2012 -13 Fall to 2022 -23 Winter					
COMP 1943	Creative Sound and Video Design	3	S&T, Arts	From 2018-19 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1233		
COMP 2711	Discrete Mathematical Tools for Computer Science	4	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ECON									
ECON 1220	Thinking like an Economist I: Microeconomics	3	SA	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
ECON 1221	Thinking like an Economist II: Macroeconomics	3	SA	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
ECON 1222	What Economics Tells Us About Our Life and Social Policy	3	SA	From 2021-22 Spring onwards		--			
ECON 1234	China’s Economic Challenges	3	SA	From 2021-22 Spring onwards		--			
ECON 2103	Principles of Microeconomics	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ECON 2123	Macroeconomics	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ELEC									
ELEC 1010	Electronic and Information Technology	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1240		
ELEC 1150	Information Technology Revolution: Past, Present and Future	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards	The course code was ENGG 1150 on or before 2024-25 Summer.	--	CORE 1203		
EMIA									
EMIA 1901	Introduction to Smart City Development	3	S&T	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
ENGG									
ENGG 1110	Engineering Solutions to Grand Challenges of the 21st Century	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1202		
ENGG 1200	Engineering Team Design Experience	3	S&T-SSC	From 2015-16 Fall onwards	Designated as a Science and Technology School-sponsored Course with effect from 2019-20 Winter.	--	CORE 1200		
ENGG 1300	Design Thinking for Health Innovation	3	S&T	From 2019-20 Fall onwards		--	CORE 1201		
ENTR									
ENTR 1001	Entrepreneurship 1001: Designing Your Future	3	S&T	From 2017-18 Spring onwards		--	CORE 1001		

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ENVR									
ENVR 1030	Environment and Health	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ENVR 1080	The Smart Consumer - Uncovering the Hidden Story behind the Product Label	3	SA	From 2017-18 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1943	
			S&T	From 2017-18 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
ENVR 1150	Climate Change Impacts and Extreme Weather Events	3	S&T	From 2018-19 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1941	
ENVR 1170	Science, Environment and Society - From Big Bang to Big Data	3	S&T	From 2016-17 Spring onwards		--			
ENVR 2020	Urban Air Pollution	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2941	
ENVR 2050	Sustainability Thinking	3	SA	From 2019-20 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2942	
ENVR 2060	From Trash to Treasure: Transforming Waste into Resources	3	SA	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course title was <i>From Trash to Treasure: Managing Waste to Resources</i> before 2024-25 Summer.	--		CORE 2943	
			S&T	From 2020-21 Spring to 2022-23 Winter		--			
ENVR 2070	Smart Buildings for a Warming Planet	3	S&T	From 2020-21 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2944	
FINA									
FINA 1303	Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1330	
HLTH									
HLTH 1010	Healthy Lifestyle	0	HLTH	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA									
HUMA 1000	Cultures and Values	3	H-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1001	Foundational Texts in the Humanities	3	H-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1010	Introduction to Language	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1501	
HUMA 1030	Structure of the Chinese Language	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1503
HUMA 1060	Introduction to Mandarin Chinese Grammar	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1504
HUMA 1100	Music of the World	3	Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1631	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 1102	Enjoyment of Classical Music	3	Arts	From 2014-15 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1632	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 1107	Music and Film	3	H, Arts	From 2018-19 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1108	Expressive Sounds	3	H, Arts	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1150	Exploration of Drawing	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1660	
HUMA 1154	Photography	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1666	
HUMA 1155	Video Art	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1667	
HUMA 1156	Exploration of Chinese Calligraphy	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1669	
HUMA 1157	Introduction to Acting and Public Speaking	3	Arts	From 2024-25 Summer onwards		--			
HUMA 1160	Weiqi and Chinese Culture	1	Arts	From 2024-25 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1210	Chinese Women on Screen	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1601
			Arts	From 2022-23 Summer onwards					
HUMA 1231	Popular Culture of East Asia	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Summer onwards		--			CORE 1602
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Spring					
HUMA 1301	World Literature and Film	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1603	
			H	From 2019-20 Spring to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 1430	History of P. R. China's Diplomacy, 1949-1989	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1522
HUMA 1440	Modern China	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1520	Modern East Asia	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1523	
HUMA 1622	Science, Technology and Society: Historical and Cultural Approaches	3	H, SA	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1639	Marriage, Family and Kinship in Cross-cultural Perspectives	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1554	
HUMA 1650	Appreciation of Western Art	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1660	Introduction to Chinese Art	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1651
			C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall to 2024-25 Summer					
HUMA 1671	Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong Culture	3	H, Arts	From 2019-20 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1661	
HUMA 1672	Studio Arts Workshops: Cantonese Opera	1	Arts	From 2019-20 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1662	
HUMA 1673	Art and Digital Culture	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1668	
HUMA 1674	China in Historical Maps	3	H	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 1675	Global History of Explorations	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1676	Marco Polo and His Book of Travels	3	H	From 2025-26 Fall onwards		--			

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HUMA 1710	The Art of Thinking in the Hong Kong Context	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1571	
HUMA 1720	Logic	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1572
HUMA 1811	History of Chinese Philosophy	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1574	
HUMA 1920	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1576	
HUMA 1921	Philosophy of Science	3	H	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1922	Introduction to Analytic Philosophy	3	H	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 1930	Introduction to the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2010	Metaphors in English and Chinese	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2501
HUMA 2031	The Cantonese Language	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2502	
HUMA 2032	Language, Power and Identity	3	H	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2033	Language and Intercultural Communication	3	H	From 2025-26 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2050	Classical Chinese	3	H, C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2101	Enjoyment of Western Opera	3	Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2631	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2104	Music Theory I: Introduction to Tonal Music	3	Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2632	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2105	Music, Drama and Theatre	3	Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2633	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2107	Introduction to Electronic Music Composition	3	Arts	From 2020-21 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2634	
			H	From 2020-21 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2108	Music of China	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2635	
HUMA 2109	East Asian Popular Music	3	H, Arts	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2202	The Japanese Novel	3	H, Arts	From 2023-24 Summer onwards	The course title was <i>The Modern Japanese Novel</i> before 2024-25 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2203	Japanese Cinema	3	H, Arts	From 2024-25 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Fall.	--			
HUMA 2204	Japanese Science Fiction	3	H, Arts	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
HUMA 2240	Reading Chinese Literature: Dreams of the Red Chamber	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2601	
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2250	Modern Chinese Fiction (1917-1949)	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2260	Contemporary Chinese Fiction (1949-present)	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2603	
HUMA 2300	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Early Chinese Poetry	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2604
			Arts	From 2022-23 Summer onwards					
HUMA 2310	Traditional Chinese Fiction	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2605	
HUMA 2330	Anime	3	H, Arts	From 2020-21 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2606	
HUMA 2331	Japanese Animation: Technology, Gender, and History	3	H, Arts	From 2023-24 Spring onwards	The course title was <i>Media Theories of Japanese Animation</i> before 2024-25 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2340	Between Old and New: Chinese Stories and Their Reinventions	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2607	
			H	From 2021-22 Spring to 2022-23 Winter					
HUMA 2401	Global Science Fiction: An Interdisciplinary Approach	3	H	From 2025-26 Spring onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2420	Late Imperial China	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2521	
			C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall to 2021-22 Winter					
HUMA 2440	20th-Century China in Documentary Films	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2523	
HUMA 2470	From Fung Shui to Mao's Villages: City Plans, Urban Politics & the Unseen World of Chinese Villages	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2520	History of Tea in East Asia	3	H	From 2018-19 Spring onwards		--			CORE 2525
HUMA 2588	Nazism and German Society, 1914-1945	3	H	From 2018-19 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2526
HUMA 2590	The Making of the Modern World: Renaissance to the Present	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2596	History of Biology and Medicine	3	H	From 2018-19 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2621	Culture and Environment	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2551	
HUMA 2623	Cultural Sustainability in South China	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2632	Chinese Culture and Society in Anthropological Perspectives	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2553	
HUMA 2634	Global History: New Anthropological Perspectives	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2635	Cultural Diversity in China	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2554

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HUMA 2638	Peoples and Cultures in Southeast Asia	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2555
HUMA 2640	Unofficial China: Social History 1800s-1930s	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2529
HUMA 2660	Introduction to Chinese Painting	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2651	
			C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall to 2024-25 Summer					
HUMA 2661	Chinese Oil Painting	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 2652
HUMA 2670	Understanding Western Painting	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 2680	Understanding Western Architecture	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2654	
HUMA 2831	Metaphysics: Study of Reality and Existence	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2832	Philosophy of Mind	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 2840	Buddhism and the Chinese Intellectual Tradition	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2571	
HUMA 2911	Buddhism: Origin and Growth	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2572	
HUMA 2921	Ethical Theories and Contemporary Issues	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2573	
HUMA 2930	What am I? Personal Identity and the Self from a Philosophical Perspective	3	H	From 2021-22 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2574	
HUMA 3030	Language, Communication and Culture	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3501	
HUMA 3050	Psychology of Language	3	H	From 2021-22 Spring onwards		--			CORE 3502
HUMA 3060	Language and Migration	3	H	From 2021-22 Spring onwards		--			CORE 3503
HUMA 3201	Animation: A Global Perspective	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Spring onwards		--			
HUMA 3210	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Tang and Song Poetry	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3602	
HUMA 3220	Modern Chinese Poetry	3	Arts	From 2022-23 Summer onwards		--			CORE 3603
			H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Spring					
HUMA 3250	Independent Cinema in Contemporary China	3	H	From 2016-17 Spring onwards		--			CORE 3604
			Arts	From 2016-17 Spring to 2022-23 Spring					
HUMA 3430	Reading Modern Chinese History Historically	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 3521
HUMA 3630	Community and Cultural Identity	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 3660	Tradition & Modernity: Chinese Ink Painting in 20th Century	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3651	
HUMA 3680	Contemporary Architecture: The Pritzker Prize Winners	3	H, Arts	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
HUMA 3800	Guided Studies in Chinese Philosophical Classics	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 3571
HUMA 3810	Taoism and the Chinese Tradition	3	H, C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 3572
HUMA 3900	Philosophical Inquiry into the Modern World	3	H	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3574	
IEDA									
IEDA 1250	Optimizing Decisions for Personal and Business Development	3	S&T	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1251. The course code is changed to IEDA 1250 in 2023-24.	--		CORE 1251	
IEDA 2010	Introduction of Industrial Engineering and Decision Analytics	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ISDN									
ISDN 1120	Bring AI to Your Side	3	S&T	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
ISDN 1200	Design Thinking for Technological Innovations	3	S&T	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
ISDN 2000	What is Design and Why Design?	3	S&T	From 2018-19 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2261	
ISOM									
ISOM 1090	Social Media: Collective Intelligence & Creativity	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1341	
ISOM 1380	Technology and Innovation: Social and Business Perspectives	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1340	
ISOM 1400	Digital Philanthropy: Harnessing Technology for Social Changes and Beyond	3	SA, S&T	From 2024-25 Summer onwards	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Summer.	--			
ISOM 1500	Insightful Decisions	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
			QR	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Summer					
ISOM 1700	Critical Issues in Business Operations	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ISOM 2030	Business Protections for Innovations	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
ISOM 2310	Fundamentals of E-Commerce: Business, Technology, and the Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1343
ISOM 2400	Global Information Infrastructure and Policy	3	SA, S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
LANG									
LANG 1117	Advanced Chinese Communication	3	C-Comm	From 2017-18 Fall onwards		--			
LANG 1405	Mediated Me: An Introduction to Digital Literacy	3	H	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course code was LANG 1004 on or before 2022-23 Winter.	--		CORE 1405	

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LANG 1411	Elementary Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1411. The course code is changed to LANG 1411 in 2023-24.	CORE 1411			
LANG 1412	Intermediate Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1412. The course code is changed to LANG 1412 in 2023-24.	CORE 1412			
LANG 1413	Advanced Putonghua for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1413. The course code is changed to LANG 1413 in 2023-24.	CORE 1413			
LANG 1414	Elementary Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1414. The course code is changed to LANG 1414 in 2023-24.	CORE 1414			
LANG 1415	Intermediate Reading and Writing for Non-Chinese Language Background Students	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1415. The course code is changed to LANG 1415 in 2023-24.	CORE 1415			
LANG 1416	Effective Chinese Communication	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code was LANG 1113 on or before 2021-22.	CORE 1416			
LANG 1421	Chinese Communication in the Digital Era	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1421. The course code is changed to LANG 1421 in 2023-24.	CORE 1421			
LANG 1422	Chinese for Workplace Applications	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 is CORE 1422. The course code is changed to LANG 1422 in 2023-24.	CORE 1422			
LANG 1423	Chinese Communication in Global Context	3	C-Comm	From 2022-23 Fall onwards	The course code was LANG 1118 on or before 2021-22.	CORE 1423			
LANG 1424	Chinese Writing in Cultural Contexts	3	C-Comm	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
LANG 2090	Exploring Language and Communication with Big Data	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
LANG 2091	Phonetics and Speech Technology	3	H	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
LIFS									
LIFS 1010	Introduction to Biological Sciences	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
LIFS 1020	Biology of Human Health	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1130
MARK									
MARK 1220	Marketing and Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1360	
MARK 1230	Consumerism and Happiness	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1361	
MATH									
MATH 1003	Calculus and Linear Algebra	3	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
MATH 1013	Calculus I	3	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards	The course title was <i>Calculus 1B</i> before 2025-26 Fall.	--			
MATH 1023	Honors Calculus I	3	QR	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
MECH									
MECH 1902	Energy Systems in a Sustainable World	3	SA, S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
MECH 1905	Buildings for Contemporary Living	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1270	
MECH 1906	Mechanical Engineering for Modern Life	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
MECH 1908	Exploration of Mechanical Design and Engineering	3	S&T	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
MGMT									
MGMT 1110	Introduction to Management	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1371	
MGMT 1120	Developing the Leader in You	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
MGMT 1130	Traps and Pitfalls in Judgment and Decision Making	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1373	
OCES									
OCES 1030	Environmental Science	3	S&T-SSC	From 2018-19 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1140	
PHYS									
PHYS 1001	Physics and the Modern Society	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1110	
PHYS 1002	Introduction to Astrophysics and Astronomy	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
PHYS 1003	Energy and Related Environmental Issues	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1111	

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PHYS 1006	Astronomy for Beginners	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
PHYS 1007	Quantum Information for Everyone	3	S&T	From 2020-21 Spring onwards		--		CORE 1112	
PHYS 1111	General Physics I	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
PHYS 1112	General Physics I with Calculus	3	S&T	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
PHYS 1312	Honors General Physics I	3	S&T	From 2015-16 Fall onwards		--			
PPOL									
PPOL 1110	Public Policy in Cases	3	SA	From 2024-25 Spring onwards		--			
PPOL 2110	Science, Technology and Society in China	3	SA	From 2020-21 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2940	
			S&T	From 2020-21 Spring to 2022-23 Winter		--			
RMBI									
RMBI 1010	Risk Management in Financial Institutions	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
RMBI 1020	Business Intelligence for Data-Driven Decisions	3	S&T	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
			QR	From 2019-20 Fall to 2023-24 Winter					
			SA	From 2014-15 Fall to 2018-19 Summer					
SCIE									
SCIE 1110	Great Ideas in Science	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SCIE 1120	Chemistry and Life	3	S&T-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC									
SOSC 1190	China and the World: China’s Development in Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1270	International Law	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1770	
SOSC 1300	The World of Politics	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1309	Making Sense of Government and Politics	3	SA	From 2022-23 Summer onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Summer is CORE 1710. The course code is changed to SOSC 1309 in 2023-24.	--			CORE 1710
SOSC 1350	Contemporary China: Continuity and Change	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1359	China: Development and Transformations	3	SA	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Spring is CORE 1730. The course code is changed to SOSC 1359 in 2023-24.	--		CORE 1730	
SOSC 1400	Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1740
SOSC 1420	Poverty	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1720	
SOSC 1440	Introduction to Economics	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1449	Understanding Our Economy	3	SA	From 2022-23 Summer onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Summer is CORE 1810. The course code is changed to SOSC 1449 in 2023-24.	--			CORE 1810
SOSC 1470	The Economic and Political Development of Modern Japan	3	SA	From 2018-19 Spring onwards		--			
SOSC 1510	Politics Through Film	3	SA	From 2019-20 Spring onwards		--			
SOSC 1662	Contemporary Hong Kong Society	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1862	
SOSC 1700	What Is Democracy?	3	SA	From 2020-21 Spring onwards		--			
SOSC 1780	Population and Development in China	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1780
SOSC 1840	Government, Law and Society in China	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 1840
SOSC 1850	Understanding Society	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1859	Exploring Society	3	SA	From 2022-23 Spring onwards	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Spring is CORE 1850. The course code is changed to SOSC 1859 in 2023-24.	--		CORE 1850	
SOSC 1860	Population and Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 1860	
SOSC 1960	Introduction to Psychology	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1969	Discovering Mind and Behavior	3	SA	From 2023-24 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 1980	Psychology of Personal Growth	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 2130	Education and Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Spring onwards		--		CORE 2730	
SOSC 2290	Understanding Globalization	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 2299	The Rise and Fall of Globalization	3	SA	From 2023-24 Spring onwards		--			
SOSC 2310	Introductory Environmental and Health Economics	3	SA	From 2015-16 Fall onwards	Multi-coded with ECON 2310 and ENVR 2310.	--			

Common Core Course List (Last update: 13 August 2025)
(36-credit Common Core Program For Students Admitted Before 2022-23)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Common Core Area	Designated Year As Common Core Course	Remarks	Previous Common Core Course Code With "CORE" Prefix In 2022-23 ¹			
						Fall 2022-23	Winter 2022-23	Spring 2022-23	Summer 2022-23
SOSC 2330	Environmental Politics and Policy	3	SA	From 2020-21 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2830	
SOSC 2740	Gender and Society	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 2740	
SOSC 3001	Understanding China, 1700-2000: A Data Analytic Approach	3	SA-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			CORE 3701
			H-SSC	From 2014-15 Fall to 2022-23 Spring					
SOSC 3130	Hong Kong Culture	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3730	
SOSC 3240	Application of Geographical Information Systems	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3740	
SOSC 3520	Understanding Comparative Politics	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--			
SOSC 3630	Democracy and Democratization around the World	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3863	
SOSC 3880	Social Inequality and Social Mobility	3	SA	From 2014-15 Fall onwards		--		CORE 3880	
SUST									
SUST 1000	Sustainability Fundamentals	3	SA-SSC, S&T-SSC	From 2016-17 Fall onwards	Designated as a Social Analysis School-sponsored Course and a Science and Technology School-sponsored Course with effect from 2018-19 Spring.	--			
SUST 1010	Introduction to Sustainability	3	SUS	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	For 2025-26 cohort.	--			
			SA, S&T	From 2022-23 Spring to 2024-25 Summer	The course code for this new common core course approved in 2022-23 Spring is CORE 1940. The course code is changed to SUST 1010 in 2023-24.	--		CORE 1940	
SUST 1020	Climate Films and Sustainable Future	3	SUS	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	For 2025-26 cohort.	--			
			S&T	From 2024-25 Spring to 2024-25 Summer					
SUST 1101	Environmental, Social, and Governance Fundamentals	3	SUS	From 2025-26 Fall onwards	For 2025-26 cohort.	--			
			SA	From 2024-25 Spring to 2024-25 Summer					

Note:

1 In 2022-23, some common core courses were offered with the prefix “CORE”. For students who took these "CORE" courses, please note:

(a) Changes in course codes (e.g., from PHYS 1003 to CORE 1111) will not affect their fulfillment of relevant curriculum requirements;

(b) The same course with the corresponding subject area code cannot be retaken. For example, if a student took CORE 1232 Exploring and Visualizing Data in 2022-23, they can use it to fulfill the common core Science & Technology (S&T) area requirement, but they cannot take COMP 1942 Exploring and Visualizing Data again.

Common Core Areas

H: Humanities; SA: Social Analysis; S&T: Science and Technology; QR: Quantitative Reasoning; A: Arts; E-Comm: English Communication; C-Comm: Chinese Communication; HLTH: Healthy Lifestyle; SSC: School-sponsored Course