

Common Core Course List (Updated as of 18 March 2024)
(30-credit Common Core Program for students admitted in 2022-23 onwards)

Common Core Course with Subject Area Prefix in 2023-24 ²	Course Title	Credit	Common Core Area	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
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 [#]	
Courses in Broadening Group								
COMP 1943	Creative Sound and Video Design	3	A, T		--		CORE 1233	
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 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 2101	Enjoyment of Western Opera	3	A		--		CORE 2631 [#]	
HUMA 2104	Music Theory I: Introduction to Tonal Music	3	A		--		CORE 2632 [#]	
HUMA 2105	Music, Drama and Theatre	3	A		--		CORE 2633 [#]	
HUMA 2107	Introduction to Electronic Music Composition	3	A		--		CORE 2634 [#]	
HUMA 2108	Music of China	3	A		--		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 [#]	
HUMA 2300	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Early Chinese Poetry	3	A, H		--			CORE 2604 [#]
HUMA 2330	Anime	3	A, H		--		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 [#]	
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 3201	Animation: A Global Perspective	3	A, H		--			
HUMA 3220	Modern Chinese Poetry	3	A		--			CORE 3603 [#]

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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		--	

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.