

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Philosophy

## Programme Structure for 2017-18 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.

	<u>Number of Credits</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>				
CCC8001 ^ Logic and Critical Thinking (R)		3		3
CCC8012 ^ The Making of Hong Kong (R)		3		3
LCC1010 Practical Chinese I (R)		3		3
LCE1010 * English for Communication I (R)	3			3
LCE1020 * English for Communication II (R)			3	3
^ 2 Cluster Courses		6		6
^ 3 Free Electives		9		9
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<b>SECOND YEAR</b>				
CCC8003 ^ Understanding Morality (R)		3		3
CCC8004 ^ World History and Civilisations (R)		3		3
LCC2010 Practical Chinese II (R)		3		3
LCE2010 * English for Communication III (R)		3		3
ENG2020 * Varieties of English (R)		3		3
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
				<hr/> 18-21
<b>SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS</b>				
PHI3101 Deductive Logic (R)		3		3
3 History of Philosophy Courses		9		9
3 Core Philosophy Courses		9		9
2 Ethics and Political Philosophy Courses		6		6
5-6 Programme Electives		15-18		15-18
^ 4 Free Electives		12		12
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<b>THIRD YEAR</b>				
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>				
PHI4301 Directed Research Project		6		6
<u>or</u>				
PHI4001 Final-Year Research Seminar (retitled to Research Seminar from 2022-23) ~		3		3
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
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Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

(R) denotes required course(s).

^ For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section. Students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after should follow the revised Core Curriculum. Please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/core-curriculum> for more information. Students following the revised Core Curriculum should correspondingly take 9 free electives instead of 7. However, the actual number of free electives taken by senior year admittees varies depending on the number of credits transfer granted upon admission.

\* Students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after should follow the revamped English Language Curriculum. Please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-elementary-curriculum> for more information.

~ PHI4001 CAN be taken in Year 3 with approval from Academic Advisor.

## 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, 30-33credits)

#### History of Philosophy Unit

Students must take three 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)

[\* In addition to taking PHI2113 and PHI2117, **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 at least three courses from the following:

- PHI2115 Metaphysics
- PHI3231 Epistemology
- PHI3265 Philosophy of Mind
- PHI4366 Philosophy of Language

#### Ethics and Political Philosophy Unit

Students must take two courses from the following, with one in each tradition. CCC8003 Understanding Morality is a prerequisite.

- 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.]

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### Logic Unit

PHI3101 Deductive Logic (R)

### Capstone Unit

Students must take one of the following two courses:

PHI4001 Final-Year Research Seminar (retitled to Research Seminar from 2022-23)  
(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 Final-Year Research Seminar (retitled to Research Seminar from 2022-23) 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 (coded as PHI2001 in 2021-22 or before)

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 (from 2018-19)

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 (from Term 2, 2020-21)
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
PHI4375	Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (not offered from Term 2, 2020-21)

### 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.