

Before course selection...

- Read the regulations and syllabuses to plan ahead:
 - BA: <https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BA/regulations-syllabuses>
 - BA(HDT): <https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BAHDT/regulations---syllabuses>
 - BA&LLB: <https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB/regulations>
 - General tips on [course selection](#)
- **Year 1 students can select courses [via SIS](#) from Aug 20 (10:00 am) to Aug 26 (4:00 pm)**
- **Normal study load for Semester 1 and Semester 2: 30 credits**
 - *Students can choose to take between **24 - 36 credits** in these semesters. Please seek approval from the Faculty for [undertaking special study load](#) if you want to take a study load outside of this range.*

General Tips for Academic Planning

Plan Ahead

- Take the relevant [prerequisite course\(s\)](#) in Year 1 for the major(s)/minor(s) you wish to pursue in Year 2

Be Proactive

- Consult teachers or Academic Advisers for academic advice; [Student Academic Advisers](#) for academic advice/peer support
- Consult the Faculty or the relevant School/Centre Offices for procedural matters

Be Responsive

- Check your HKU email account regularly and respond to messages from teachers and HKU offices in a timely manner

Academic Standards

THE GRADING SYSTEM		<i>Grade</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Grade Point</i>	
		A+ } A } A- }	Excellent	4.3 4.0 3.7	
		B+ } B } B- }		Good	3.3 3.0 2.7
		C+ } C } C- }			Satisfactory
		D+ } D }	Pass		
		F		Fail	

Please refer to the [Grade Expectations](#) section for details.

- ‘Cumulative GPA’ (CGPA) is the Grade Point Average in respect of courses attempted by a student (including failed courses) at the time of calculation. **All courses carry the same weighting.**

Academic Standards

CLASS OF HONOURS	<i>Class of Honours</i>	<i>GGPA Range</i>
	First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
	Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
	Division One	3.00 – 3.59
	Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
	Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
	Pass	1.00 – 1.69

- ‘Graduation GPA’ (GGPA) is a special kind of CGPA. It is calculated at the point of graduation.
- Students who completed 6 Common Core courses on letter grading basis, their GGPA either includes all 6 courses or only 5 of them with the highest grades (covering all 4 Areas of Inquiry), depending on which generates the higher value. However, students who have taken any 3-credit Common Core Microcredential Courses will have their performance of all Common Core courses included in the calculation of GGPA.
- Please refer to the [Honours Classification](#) section for details.

Unpleasant Situations To Avoid...

- Students will be recommended for **discontinuation** of their studies, if they have:
 - failed to pass 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters*, except when they are approved to undertake special study load in the relevant semester(s), or
 - failed to achieve an average GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters*, or
 - exceeded the maximum period of registration (BA, BA(HDT): 6 years; BA&LLB: 8 years) without the Faculty's approval.

*Not including the summer semesters
- Student who commits **plagiarism** is liable to disciplinary action.
 - Plagiarism is defined as the unacknowledged use, as one's own, of work of another person, whether or not such work has been published.
 - Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, is strictly prohibited in all assignments and assessments. Students should use proper citations and provide sources wherever necessary.
 - Check out the [Plagiarism website](#) for more details.