### Study Plan of BA in Linguistics and Language Applications

**Four - Year Curriculum (BAU4)**

LLA - major students are required to take **9 major courses** (27 credit units) and **9 major elective courses** (27 credit units) to fulfill the major requirements.

(For details of programme: [http://lt.cityu.edu.hk/balla](http://lt.cityu.edu.hk/balla))

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**Semester A**  
- LT1202 Discovering how Language Works in a University Setting  
- LT2203 Language in  
**Semester B**  
- LT1201 Introduction to Linguistics and Language Applications  

2 - 3 major elective courses (6 - 9 credit units) at levels B2 or B3, and ** *** |
| **Year 2** | 5 major core courses (15 credit units) |  
**Semester A**  
- LT2229 Fundamentals of Linguistics  
**Semester B**  
- LT2204 Language and Mind  
- LT3209 Syntax  
- LT3212 Phonetics  
- LT2231 Introduction to Language Technology  

2 - 3 major elective courses (6 - 9 credit units) at levels B2 or B3, and ** *** |
| **Year 3** | 3 major core courses (9 credit units) |  
**Semester A**  
- LT3214 Phonology  
- LT3233 Computational Linguistics  
**Semester B**  
- LT3211 Semantics  

3 - 5 major elective courses (9 - 15 credit units) at levels B2, B3 or B4, and ** *** |
| **Year 4** | *Core course requirements fulfilled by Year 3* |  
**Semester A**  
- Major electives  
**Semester B**  
- Major electives  

4 - 6 major elective courses (12 - 18 credit units) at levels B3 or B4, and ** *** |

**Notes:**  
- University, College, and Gateway Education requirement courses  
- Free elective courses to add up to 120 credits for graduation  
- Year 1 course changes are subject to final approval

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BA Linguistics and Language Applications (BALLA)

Mode of attendance: full-time

This programme has a 4-year curriculum.

Please refer to the website of the Admissions Office (https://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk) for detailed admission arrangements.

Aims

To educate students so that they will

1) become language professionals who are familiar with linguistics and language-related applications;
2) develop an analytical, critical and creative mind;
3) foster an open attitude towards people from different cultures.

Career Prospects

Graduates will have a solid foundation in the scientific study of language and will be prepared for careers that require both language skills and linguistics-related computer skills and other skills in language applications. In addition to opportunities in research and development, they will also have employment prospects in administrative and executive positions in various public and private sectors. They will have an important role to play in the language and information service sectors of Hong Kong, Greater China, and world-wide. Moreover, this programme is recognized by the Education Bureau as an English language major degree for the purpose of teaching in Hong Kong.

Main Subject Areas

There are two main subject areas: Linguistics and Language Applications. Core courses in Linguistics include: Fundamentals of Linguistics, Language in Society, Language and Mind, Phonetics, Phonology, Syntax and Semantics. Core courses in Language Applications include: Introduction to Language Technology and Computational Linguistics. At a more advanced level, students may choose from among courses such as Computational Lexicography, Computer-Aided Translation, Computer-assisted Language Learning, Conversation Analysis, Corpus Linguistics, Experimental Phonetics, First / Second Language Acquisition, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, and Translation.

Academic Excellence

According to the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings by Subject (2021), Linguistics at the City University of Hong Kong is ranked 43rd in the world.
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Minor in Linguistics and Language Applications

Aims
This minor aims to let students learn the basics of the scientific study of language that will supplement their major curricula by:

i) broadening the intellectual horizons and experience on academic training of the students;
ii) imparting to the students the basic knowledge about language;
iii) introducing to the students areas of language applications such as discourse, language learning, or language technology.

Intended Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this minor, students should be able to:

1. apply the knowledge of linguistics to the learning of another language;
2. apply the structural aspects of language to the activities that involve the use of language;
3. apply linguistics knowledge to the study of discourse, language acquisition or language technology.

Programme Structure
(Effective from Semester B, 2020-21)

Core Course
LT 2229 Fundamentals of Linguistics

Elective Courses
Choose four from
LT 2203 Language in Society
LT 2204 Language and Mind
LT 2231 Introduction to Language Technology
LT 3209 Syntax
LT 3210 Electronic Publishing
LT 3211 Semantics
LT 3212 Phonetics
LT 3213 Text Linguistics
LT 3214 Phonology
LT 3215 Pragmatics
LT 3220 Corpus Linguistics
LT 3226 Comparative Study of Chinese and English
LT 4225 Computer Assisted Language Learning
LT 4226 Second Language Acquisition
LT 4227 First Language Acquisition
LT 4239 Conversation Analysis

Minor in Translation

Aims
The minor aims to equip students with the essential conceptual and linguistic tools for deepening understanding of source texts in their respective major disciplines and for facilitating communication of information and ideas across languages and cultures.

It also provides them with a cluster of generic and transferable knowledge, skills, and techniques useful for their study.

Intended Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this minor, students should be able to:

1. explain how language works to facilitate communication across languages and cultures;
2. demonstrate a firm grasp of the nature, principles and techniques of translation;
3. analyze and translate texts of various types and subject–matters.

Programme Structure
(Effective from Semester A, 2018-19)

Core Elective Courses
Select one course out of two.

LT 2341 Fundamentals of Translation
or
LT 3379 Practical Translation

Elective Courses
Choose four from
LT 2321 Culture and Translation
LT 3322 Reading Bilingual Literature
LT 3345 Discovering and Managing Terms
LT 3346 Bilingual Editing Skills
LT 3347 Commercial Translation
LT 3348 Translation for Government and Public Administration
LT 3349 Legal Translation
LT 3350 Translation for the Media
LT 3351 Literary Translation
LT 3352 Scientific and Technical Translation
LT 3354 Computer–Aided Translation
LT 4380 Theory of Translation