BA in English: An Introduction
BA in English

Programme Statement

The BA in English programme equips students with theoretical and practical knowledge in English language, literature, and professional communication. Our courses develop students’ ability to analyse critically the English language and its use in a variety of genres, modes, and media. Upon completion of the programme, students will have acquired the skills and attitudes essential for successful communication in linguistically and culturally diverse contexts. The programme prepares students for a wide range of professions and academic pathways.
Students will…

• Develop communicative competence in English in a wide range of local and international contexts.

• Apply theories of linguistics, communication and literary and cultural studies to discover and analyse the way language is used in a range of settings.

• Generate and execute innovative language-based projects individually and through effective collaboration.

• Acquire global perspective

• Apply a spirit of discovery and creativity to the study of English.
100% of BA students graduated with work-related experience.
Students participate in at least one international learning experience, such as exchange (1-semester long, credit-bearing study at a partner university), study tour and overseas internship.
### Programme Core Subjects

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These two are compulsory courses for students pursuing a four-year normative degree.
Students choose between two streams:

Language and Literature

or

English and Professional Communication
### Stream Core

#### English and Professional Communication

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#### Language and Literature

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Language and Literature Electives (examples)

Asian Literature in English
Introduction to English Poetry
Fantasy in Literature
Modern and Contemporary Fiction
Creative Writing
The Art of Life Narrative
Popular Culture and Social Life
Introduction to English Film Studies
Language and Digital Media
Popular Music and Social Life

Drama Workshop
Advanced English Phonetics and Phonology
World Literature in English
Literature and the City
Critical Discourse Analysis
Crime Fiction
Shakespeare: Film, Text, Performance
English Summer Programme
English and Professional Communication Electives (examples)

- Persuasive Writing
- Communicating Fashion Culture
- Public Speaking and Presentations in English
- Promotional Writing in English
- Advertising Copywriting in English
- English Summer Programme
- Writing for New Media
- Multimodal and Mediated Discourse
- English in Creative and Cultural Professions
- Public Relations Writing in English
- Strategic Business Communication in English
- Negotiation in Professional Contexts
- Language in Law and Crime
- Intercultural Organizational Communication and Institutional Interaction
Students can take up to 6 credits of courses from another stream (subject to availability)!
Capstone Experience: Final Year Project

All final-year students need to do either a Professional English or a Research Final Year Project.

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Professional English Final Year Project (examples of project hosts)
Research Final-Year Projects

Possible research areas:
• Applied Linguistics
• Professional Communication
• Literary Studies
• Discourse Analysis
• Language and Digital Media
• Theatre and Performance Studies
• Cultural Studies
Please visit the Department of English website for details of the BA English curriculum!

https://www.en.cityu.edu.hk/Undergraduates/BA-English/Programme-study-cohort-2019

Programme of study for cohort 2019 & 2020

Total numbers of credit units of this programme are different for each cohort. Requirement for normative 4-year degree, Advanced Standing I and Advanced Standing II students are not the same too. Please also refer to the credit distribution page for the details.

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For details of the CityU general admission requirements, please refer to the Admissions Office website:

https://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/
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https://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/programme/JS1104
BA English (JS1104)

Best Six Subjects (include English)  
(the number in bracket is the weighting of the subject)

Core  
English Language (2.5)  
Chinese Language (1)  
Mathematics (1)  
Liberal Studies (1.5)

Electives  
Literature in English (1.5)  
Other electives subjects (1)

*interviews will be held on a selective basis
To be considered for admission, you must satisfy the [General Entrance Requirements](#) and the following major-specific entrance requirements:

- **level 5 or above in HKDSE English Language**  
  OR  
  - **grade C or above in GCEAL/IAL English Literature**  
  OR  
  - **grade B or above in GCEOL/GCSE English Language**  
  OR  
  - **score of 610 (paper-based test); or 253 (computer-based test) or 102 (internet-based test) in Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**  
  OR  
  - **overall band score of 7 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**  
  OR  
  - **other strong evidence of English proficiency**

For year 3 (Advanced Standing II) admission, applicants are normally expected to have completed an Associate Degree/Higher Diploma with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of ≥3.0 or an equivalent overall mark, or a credit award.

For year 2 (Advance Standing 1) admission, applicants are normally expected to have completed first year of their Associate Degree/Higher Diploma with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of ≥3.3 or an equivalent overall mark, or a credit award. Interviews will be held on a selective basis.
Other opportunities...
Student-led Creative Journal: 
*Halfway Home*
Professor Shirley G.L. Lim Poetry Writing Scholarship

Professor Charles Bazerman Prose Writing Award

Dr Simon Berry Fiction Writing Awards
Scholarships

CityU students are eligible for a range of scholarship. Below are some examples:

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships
HSBC Overseas Scholarship Scheme
HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship
Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships
Hong Kong Government Scholarship
Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarships
Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers*

*BA English (Language and Literature stream) is listed as one of the Recognised English Major Degree Programmes for the Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers run by the Education Bureau (EDB). New students of the four-year normative degree can apply. For details, visit https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/teacher/qualification-training-development/training/scholarship-for-eng-teacher/index.html
Our graduates enter different professions, such as education, journalism, administration, publishing, advertising, corporate communication, civil service, public relations, finance, cultural and creative industries. Some of them also pursue further studies in Hong Kong or overseas.

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https://www.en.cityu.edu.hk

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