

# Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in **ENGLISH** (BA-ENG) 英國語文(榮譽)學士



英文系  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
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# HEAD'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your interest in our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English programme.

Our faculty is made up of world-leading professors, award-winning scholars, and dedicated teachers from a variety of cultural and academic backgrounds. Our research expertise in English language and literature is wide-ranging, encompassing Semantics, Sociolinguistics, Digital Humanities, Language Teaching and Assessment, Postcolonialism, Political Novels, Ibsen, Gao Xingjian, Film Studies, Critical Theory, and more.

Aspired to fostering an exceptional learning environment, we are proud to offer our students the opportunity to take an impressive array of modules that explore the human experience, from the past to the present, across cultures and continents, including Corpus Linguistics, Digital Literacies, World Englishes and Cultures, Teaching English as a Second Language, Romanticism, Modernism, Children's Literature, Women in Literature, Film Art, Drama and Theatre, Literary Criticism and Theory. Through lectures, tutorials, assignments, presentations, and projects, we challenge students to think critically and creatively, guide them in crafting their own literary voice, and support them in their academic and personal growth.

Education is not just about acquiring knowledge, it's also about growing as individuals. We, as a department, are committed to cultivating a supportive teacher-student relationship. Students are encouraged to engage with peers, participate in department events, and make full good use of the resources available at university. Whether our students are joining a writing workshop, attending a guest lecture, seeking study and career advice from a personal tutor, or simply discussing a poem or a book with a professor in a reading group, we hope our students feel inspired, supported, and included.

Education is a journey, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me ([annatso@hsu.edu.hk](mailto:annatso@hsu.edu.hk)) or our team of colleagues should you have any questions at any time. If you are interested in enrolling our programme, please sign up for an interview. You will learn more details about our BA-ENG (Hons) Programme as you meet our faculty in person. I wish you every success in your studies and all your future endeavours.

Anna Tso  
Associate Professor  
Head and Programme Director

# PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English is designed to help students build a sound knowledge base in English literature and linguistics as well as develop strong language and cultural awareness essential for an increasingly globalised world and economy. The Programme covers a rich and diverse range of topics aiming to broaden students' horizons intellectually and personally. The integration of Business Studies modules in the curriculum also makes it unique with both academic and practical relevance.

This is a four-year degree programme and there are two semesters of 15 weeks per year. Each module consists of three credits, with every credit comprising a minimum of 15 contact hours.

There are four Study Areas – English Studies, Business Studies, Free Electives and Common Core Modules. The table below illustrates the number of core and elective modules in each Study Area.

Study Areas	No. of Core Modules (Credits)	No. of Elective Modules (Credits)	Total No. of Modules Studied (Credits)	Percentage
English Studies	10 (30)	10 (30)	20 (60)	50%
Business Studies	2 (6)	1 (3)	3 (9)	7.5%
Free Electives	0 (0)	2 (6)	2 (6)	5%
Common Core Curriculum	9 (27)	6 (18)	15 (45)	37.5%
i. General Education	1 (3)	6 (18)		
ii. Languages				
• English	3 (9)			
• Chinese	3 (9)			
iii. IT Skills and Quantitative Methods	2 (6)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 (63)</b>	<b>19 (57)</b>	<b>40 (120)</b>	<b>100%</b>



# STUDY PLAN

Year Four	English Elective	English Elective	English Elective			Free Elective
	English Elective	English Elective	English Elective	GE Elective		
Year Three	ENG3200 Meaning and Language	English Elective	English Elective	GE Elective	Business Elective	
	ENG3110 Shakespeare and his Universal Themes	English Elective	English Elective	GE Elective		Free Elective
Year Two	ENG2102 Drama and Theatre	ENG2205 The Sound Systems of English	GE Elective	GE Elective	IT Module	
	ENG2101 Exploring English Novels	ENG1300 From English to Englishes and Beyond	ENG2200 The Grammar and Structure of English	CHN2001 Applied Putonghua	GE Elective	
Year One	ENG2100 Exploring the Genre of Poetry	ENG1205 English Lexical Studies	ENG1006 English Communications II	CHN1002 Chinese Literature Appreciation	Quantitative Methods Module	MGT1002 Principles of Management
	ENG1100 Introduction to Literature	ENG1200 Introduction to Linguistics	ENG1005 English Communications I	CHN1000 Freshman Chinese	GEN1000 Perspectives on General Education	MGT1001 Introduction to Business

■ English Studies   
 ■ Common Core Curriculum   
 ■ Business Studies   
 ■ Free Electives

## EXAMPLES OF ENGLISH ELECTIVE MODULES

- Realism: from Reason to Sentiment in 17th and 18th Century Literature
- Romanticism
- Victorian Literature: The Rise of Science in the Nineteenth Century
- Modernism
- Children's Literature
- Women in Literature
- Bilingualism
- Corpus Linguistics
- Language and the Mind
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- World Englishes
- Language and Society
- Digital Literacies in English
- Postcolonialism: the Step-Mother Tongue
- Ethics, Popular Cultures and American Literature
- English-Chinese Contrastive Analysis
- Stylistics
- Story of Success: Autobiography
- Literary Theory and Criticism
- Learning English as a Global Language
- Conversation Analysis
- Research Methods in English Studies
- Structure and Meaning
- Film and Literature
- From Literary Studies to Cultural Studies
- Exploring Economic Canons in Literary Contexts
- Literature and Environment
- The Economics of Language
- Senior Project (Literature)
- Senior Project (Linguistics)

# ACADEMIC STAFF

## Professor TAM Kwok-Kan

Chair Professor and Dean  
School of Humanities and Social Science

PhD (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)  
AM (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)  
BA (Hons) (CUHK)

Research Areas:

Ibsen Studies; Gao Xingjian Studies;  
Gender Studies; Psychoanalysis;  
Modern Drama; Postcolonial Studies;  
World Englishes

## Dr FUNG Kai Yeung, Paul

Associate Professor and Associate Dean  
School of Humanities and Social Science

PhD (Manchester)  
MA (Manchester)  
BA (HKU)

Research Areas:

Dostoevsky Studies; City and Literature;  
Critical Theory; Deconstructive Criticism;  
World Cinema

## Dr TSO Wing Bo, Anna

Associate Professor and  
Head of Department of English

PhD (Birmingham)  
MALCS (HKU); MAES (HKU)  
BA (HKU)

Research Areas:

Children's Literature; English for Academic  
Purposes; Gender Studies; Folklore and Fairytales

## Dr BUI Hiu Yuet, Gavin

Associate Professor and  
Associate Head of Department of English

PhD (CUHK)  
BA (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)

Research Areas:

Task-based Language Teaching and Learning;  
Third Language Learning Motivation

## Dr MA Jing Jing, Maggie

Associate Professor

PhD (HKU)  
MA (Fudan)  
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Research Areas:

Second Language Writing; Assessment for  
Learning; Assessment Literacy;  
Teacher Education; Individual Differences

## Dr Jay Thomas PARKER

Associate Professor

PhD (Leeds)  
MA (Leeds)  
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Research Areas:

Conrad Studies; Modernist Literature;  
The Political Novel; Liberalism;  
Law and Literature; Postcolonial Ecocriticism

## Dr HUANG Zeping, Michelle

Assistant Professor

PhD (CUHK)  
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Research Areas:

Corpus Linguistics; Critical Discourse Analysis;  
Varieties of English; Second Language  
Teaching

## Dr LEUNG Ho Yee, Chloe

Assistant Professor

PhD (Edinburgh)  
MPhil (CUHK)  
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Research Areas:

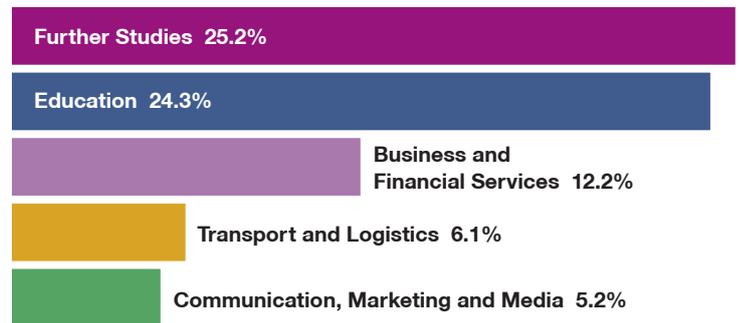
Modernist Literature; Disability Studies;  
Dance Studies

# CAREER PROSPECTS

Many of our graduates pursued further studies in renowned universities, including University College London, The University of Warwick, The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Some became qualified English teachers. The graduate surveys in 2017-2021 show a wide range of employment and further study options of BA in English graduates.

Example of employers: HSBC, Morgan Stanley, HKSAR Government, 9GAG, Jardine Aviation Services, Oxford University Press, Fox Networks Group

Top Five Career Pathways (2017-2021)



## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

The BA in English Programme obtained professional recognition from the Education Bureau (EDB) in the following areas:

1. Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) list of recognised English language major degree programmes;
2. The list of “Programmes Accepted for Grants under the Professional Development Incentive Grant Scheme for Language Teachers”;
3. Accepted as an English language major degree for meeting the Language Proficiency Requirement (LPR)

Graduates will be granted full exemption from LPR and deemed to have reached Level 3 proficiency in all papers in the LPR if they possess both a relevant degree and relevant teacher training (upon the completion of Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)). Graduates could apply for exemption from Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers (LPAT) accordingly.

## INTERNSHIP

The University is committed to providing effective internships for students. Students take up different positions in well-known local companies through our internship programme, which helps them to gain career experience and bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world.

*“[The student] has helped us prepare and proofread teaching materials in August. He is a serious worker and is careful in completing tasks assigned to him.”*

***The Commercial Press (H.K.)***

*“[The student] is an efficient person and is willing to communicate with colleague. He also shows care towards the students joining the musical production.”*

***Hong Kong Repertory Theatre***

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

The University offers exchange opportunities to students to increase their exposure in diverse cultures and cultivate their identity as global citizens. The Department also offers short-term summer exchange programmes and cultural tours around the world.



Summer breeze hits BA in English students in Singapore



Students visit the UK to explore the historic city of London

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

The English Language Centre (ELC) aims to help students enhance their English language skills. We provide tutoring services, English-language workshops, and cultural literacy activities, as well as a computer laboratory, a consultation/study room, and a variety of multimedia self-access materials. The workshops cover topics ranging from practical use of English to cultural lessons about various English-speaking societies. Additional activities include singing contests, reading groups, dramatic duologue competitions, movie nights, and seminars by guest speakers. Each of these opportunities allows students to brush up on their language proficiency and to broaden their cultural horizons.



Students sing their heart out at HSU Idol Singing Competition



Students create their own English YouTube Channels

# TESTIMONIALS



## **UNIMAGINABLE POSSIBILITIES**

*My time at HSUHK allows me to grow tremendously by opening up to different life-changing opportunities.*

*From joining tertiary rugby competitions, to presenting my very own research in academic conferences, I had challenged myself with so many unimaginable possibilities.*

**Wendy Shek, Class of 2021**

## **PRICELESS FRIENDSHIPS**

*The BA-ENG programme has provided us a solid foundation in both Literature and Linguistics. In addition to what was taught in class, I have gained priceless friendships, as well as experience through the internship programme provided by the Department.*

**Nicole Ho, Class of 2017**

## ENQUIRIES ON APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Applicants can submit their applications through the HSUHK Undergraduate Application System. For further enquiries, please contact the Registry.

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