

University Core Requirements for Students Admitted with Advanced Standing to FYFD Places

(Applicable to students admitted in 2025-26)

Components	Advanced Standing (admitted to FYFD places) [Note 1]				
	International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL)/ Standard Level (SL)	GCE-Advanced Level (AL)/ GCE-Advanced Subsidiary Level (ASL)/ International Advanced Level (IAL)	Cambridge Pre-U	Hong Kong Advanced Level (HKALE)	AD/HD
Total	16-22 units				

English	5 units (including one Year 2 and one Year 3 ELTU courses);				
	2 units (including one Year 3 ELTU course) for students who fulfill any of the following requirements below:				
	(i) Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL); or (ii) Grade 6 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL); or (iii) Grade 6 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL)	Grade A in English Language (ASL)	Grade D3 or above in Literature in English	Grade A in Use of English	AD Holders
Score 7.5 or above with no sub-scores below 7.0 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or Level 5* or above in English Language in HKDSE; or Grade 5 in English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition in AP; or 590 or above (paper), or 243 or above (CBT), or 96 or above (iBT) in Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) [Note 2]					
Chinese	0 unit; students will be required to take a specially designed non-credit-bearing Chinese language course for fulfillment of the Chinese Language Requirements, except those who fulfill any of the requirements below:				0 unit
	Grade 7 in Chinese A1/ Chinese Language A/ Chinese A: Literature/ Chinese A: Language and Literature (HL)	Grade A* in Chinese (AL)	Grade D2 or above in Mandarin Chinese	Grade A in Chinese Language and Culture	
	Level 5** in Chinese Language in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE); or Grade 5 in Chinese Language and Culture in Advanced Placement (AP); or 130 marks or above (with 150 as the full marks) in Chinese Language in National Higher Education Entrance Examination (Gao Kao) [Note 3]; or 14 marks or above (with 15 as the full marks) in Chinese				

	Language in General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) (Taiwan)/ 14 marks or above (with 15 as the full marks) in multiple-choice items and Grade A on both “知性的統整判斷” (Intellectual Integration and Judgment) and “情意的感受抒發” (Emotional Feeling and Expression) in writing in Chinese in GSAT (Taiwan)/ 14 marks or above (with 15 as the full marks) in multiple-choice items and “特優”(Excellent) on “整體等第”(Overall Ranking) in writing in Chinese in GSAT (Taiwan)/ 14 marks or above (with 15 as the full marks) in multiple-choice items and Grade A+ in non-multiple-choice items in Chinese in GSAT (Taiwan) [Note 4]; or 70 marks or above (with 100 as the full marks) in Chinese in Department Required Test (Taiwan)				
GE (i) University GE	5 units (including one course of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses)	8 units (including two courses of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses)		8 units (including two courses of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses)	5 units (including one course of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses)
		5 units (including one course of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses) for students having Grade C or above in General Studies (AL)	5 units (including one course of GE Foundation Programme and 2 units of Area A course from the University GE courses) for students having Grade M3 or above in Global Perspective and Research		
(ii) College GE	6 units				
PE	1 unit				
Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking	0 unit				
Understanding China	1 unit				
Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1 unit				

Notes:

- [1] Students who meet the minimum requirements set for a particular qualification are eligible to apply for Advanced Standing (AS), which is not available to the LLB Programme as it has not gained one year in the transition in 2012. Each Programme in handling AS should work out the

exact course and unit exemptions for each student. The total units of University Core Requirements for students with AS may vary because of individual difference in course and unit exemptions. For students with no course and unit exemptions, the total units of University Core Requirements will be the same as students under the category “All others”.

- [2] The validity period for IELTS and TOEFL is two years from test dates.
- [3] The results obtained from Gao Kao administered in provinces with a different grading system will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- [4] Different requirements apply according to the year of the test taken.

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