

University Graduation Requirements for New Articulation Degree Programmes

All students qualifying for a 2-year Full-time Articulation Degree offered from 2017/18 onward must meet:

1. the University Graduation Requirements, and
2. the specific graduation requirements of their chosen programme of study.

The minimum University Graduation Requirements are explained in the sections below. For the graduation requirements of specific programmes of study, candidates should refer to the relevant section of the Definitive Programme Document or consult the programme-offering Departments concerned.

Summary of University Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for a PolyU Bachelor's Degree under the revised framework for new articulation degree Programmes, a student must:

1. Complete successfully a minimum of 60 credits.

Minimum credit requirement for graduation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General University Requirements (GUR) ▪ Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR) 	9 credits 51 – 57 credits	60 credits
Maximum total credits allowed without incurring a higher tuition fee*		75 credits

2. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above at graduation.
3. Complete successfully the mandatory Work-Integrated Education (WIE) component as specified by their programme.
4. Satisfy the residential requirement for at least 1/3 of the credits to be completed for the award the student is currently enrolled, unless the professional bodies stipulate otherwise.
5. Satisfy the 9 credits of GUR distributed as follows:

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Cluster-Area Requirements (CAR) [6 credits; min. 3 credits should be in subject designated as "China-related"]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should not take more than 3 credits (normally 1 subject) from the same cluster area. • Students need to fulfil the English and Chinese reading and writing requirements and 3 credits of China Studies requirement (CSR). • Students may apply for a waiver if they have fulfilled the English and Chinese reading and writing requirements and/or CSR requirement in their previous studies.
Service Learning [3 credits]	-

Regarding Language and Communication Requirements (LCR), this is normally not required. Only those students not meeting the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree LCR (based on their previous studies in AD/HD programmes and their academic performance) will be required to take degree LCR subjects on top of the normal curriculum requirement. The Programme offering department will refer to the guidelines provided by the Language Centres (ELC and CBS) to determine whether a new student has met the equivalent standard. Non-Chinese speakers and those students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below will by default be exempted from the

DSR - Chinese and CAR - Chinese Reading and Writing requirements. However, this group of students would still be required to take one Chinese LCR subject to fulfil their Chinese LCR.

(a) Language and Communication Requirements (LCR)

English

All undergraduate students must successfully complete two 3-credit English language subjects as stipulated by the University (Table 1). These subjects are designed to suit students' different levels of English language proficiency at entry, as determined by their HKDSE score or the English Language Centre (ELC) entry assessment (when no HKDSE score is available).

Students who can demonstrate that they have achieved a level beyond that of the LCR proficient level subjects as listed in Table 2 (based on an assessment by ELC) may apply for subject exemption or credit transfer of the LCR subject or subjects concerned.

Table 1: Framework of English LCR subjects

HKDSE	Subject 1	Subject 2
Level 5 or equivalent	Advanced English for University Studies 3 credits	Any LCR Proficient level subject in English (see Table 2) 3 credits
Level 4 or equivalent	English for University Studies 3 credits	Advanced English for University Studies 3 credits
Level 3 or equivalent	Practical English for University Studies 3 credits	English for University Studies 3 credits

Table 2: LCR Proficient level subjects in English

For students entering with HKDSE Level 5, or at an equivalent level or above	Advanced English Reading and Writing Skills	3 credits each
	Persuasive Communication	
	English in Literature and Film	

Chinese

All undergraduate students are required to successfully complete one 3-credit Chinese language subject as stipulated by the University (Table 3). These Chinese subjects are designed to suit students' different levels of Chinese language proficiency at entry, as determined by their HKDSE score or the Chinese Language Centre (CLC) entry assessment (when no HKDSE score is available). Students can also opt to take additional Chinese LCR subjects (Table 5) in their free electives.

Students who are non-Chinese speakers (NCS), or whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below, will also be required to take one LCR subject specially designed to suit their language background and entry standard as shown in Table 4.

Students who can demonstrate that they have achieved a level beyond that of the course "Advanced Communication Skill in Chinese" as listed in Table 3 (based on an assessment made by CLC) may apply for subject exemption or credit transfer of the LCR subject concerned.

Table 3: Framework of Chinese LCR subjects

HKDSE	Required Subject
HKDSE Level 4, 5 or equivalent	Advanced Communication Skills in Chinese (ACSC) 3 credits
HKDSE Level 3 or equivalent	Fundamentals of Chinese Communication (FCC) 3 credits
For non-Chinese speakers or students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below	One subject from Table 4 below

Table 4: Chinese LCR Subjects for non-Chinese speakers or students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below

Subject	Pre-requisite/exclusion
Chinese I (for non-Chinese speaking students)	For non-Chinese speaking students at beginners' level
Chinese II (for non-Chinese speaking students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For non-Chinese speaking students; and Students who have completed Chinese I or equivalent
Chinese III (for non-Chinese speaking students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For non-Chinese speaking students at higher competence levels; and Students who have completed Chinese II or equivalent
Chinese IV (for Non-Chinese speaking students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For non-Chinese students at intermediate competence levels; and Students who have completed Chinese III or equivalent
Chinese Literature – Linguistics and Cultural Perspective (for non-Chinese speaking students)	For non-Chinese speaking students at higher competence levels

Table 5: Other LCR Electives in Chinese

Subject	Pre-requisite/exclusion
Chinese and the Multimedia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students entering with HKDSE Level 4 or above; or Students with advanced competence level as determined by the entry assessment; or Students who have completed “Fundamentals of Chinese Communication”
Creative Writing in Chinese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students entering with HKDSE Level 4 or above; or Students with advanced competence level as determined by the entry assessment; or Students who have completed “Fundamentals of Chinese Communication”
Elementary Cantonese	For students whose native language is not Cantonese

Subject	Pre-requisite/exclusion	
Intermediate Cantonese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of "Elementary Cantonese"; or • Meet a certain standard in a pre-course assessment 	
Putonghua in the Workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who have completed "Fundamentals of Chinese Communication" or could demonstrate the proof with basic Putonghua proficiency • For students whose native language is not Putonghua 	

Writing Requirement

In addition to the LCR in English and Chinese explained above, all students must also, among the Cluster Areas Requirement (CAR) subjects they take (see section (c) below), pass one subject that includes the requirement for a substantial piece of writing in English and one subject with the requirement for a substantial piece of writing in Chinese.

Reading Requirement

All students must, among the CAR subjects they take, pass one subject that includes the requirement for the reading of an extensive text in English and one subject with the requirement for the reading of an extensive text in Chinese.

A list of approved CAR subjects for meeting the Writing Requirement (with a "W" designation) and for meeting the Reading Requirement (with an "R" designation) is shown at: <https://www2.polyu.edu.hk/as/Polyu/GUR/index.htm>

Non-Chinese speakers and those students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below will by default be exempted from the DSR - Chinese and CAR - Chinese Reading and Writing requirements. However, this group of students would still be required to take one Chinese LCR subject to fulfil their Chinese LCR.

Discipline-Specific Language Requirement

In addition to the LCR mentioned above, students also have to complete the subject "ELC3521 Professional Communication in English" (2 credits) as the discipline-specific language requirements.

(b) Service-Learning

All students must successfully complete one 3-credit subject designated to meet the Service-Learning Requirement, in which they are required to (i) participate in substantial community service or civic engagement activities that will benefit the service users or the community at large in a meaningful way, (ii) apply the knowledge and skills acquired from their Major or other learning experiences at the University to the community service activities, and (iii) reflect on their service learning experience in order to link theory with practice for the development of a stronger sense of ethical, social and national responsibility.

These subjects may take the form of:

- An open-to-all GUR service-learning subject
- A GUR service-learning subject targeted at a particular student group (e.g. a Broad Discipline), or
- A customised DSR subject (core or elective) within the Major/Minor with all the required features and components to meet the Service-Learning Requirement.

Students who have satisfied the Service-Learning Requirement via a customised DSR subject will be required to take another 3-credit subject to make up for the total credit requirement.

A list of designated subjects for meeting the service-learning requirement is available at: <https://www2.polyu.edu.hk/as/Polyu/GUR/index.htm>

(c) Cluster Areas Requirement (CAR)

To expand students' intellectual capacity beyond their disciplinary domain and to enable them to tackle professional and global issues from a multidisciplinary perspective, students are required to successfully complete at least one 3-credit subject in two of the following four Cluster Areas:

- Human Nature, Relations and Development
- Community, Organisation and Globalisation
- History, Culture and World Views
- Science, Technology and Environment

A list of CAR subjects under each of the four Cluster Areas is available at: <https://www2.polyu.edu.hk/as/Polyu/GUR/index.htm>

(d) China Studies Requirement

Of the 6 credits of CAR described in (c) above, students are required to successfully complete a minimum of 3 credits on CAR subjects designated as "China-related". The purpose is to enable students to gain an increased understanding of China (e.g. its history, culture and society, as well as emerging issues or challenges).

A list of approved CAR subjects for meeting the China Studies Requirement is available at: <https://www2.polyu.edu.hk/as/Polyu/GUR/index.htm>

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