

**Unified Announcement of
University Entrance Requirements
under the new “334” Academic Structure**

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Introduction

The new “334” senior secondary and higher education academic structure will be implemented in September 2009. The Announcement of university entrance requirements is a critical milestone in the implementation of the New Senior Secondary (NSS) academic structure. In 2005, universities announced their support for all four core subjects of the secondary school curriculum – Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies - to be considered as the mandatory minimum requirements for university entrance. To facilitate schools in planning the NSS curriculum, universities have now set out their entrance requirements at faculty/school/programme level with specification on required NSS subjects. The requirements of individual institutions are listed in the attached tables.

For admission to the relevant undergraduate programmes, applicants must meet the general entrance requirements, and the faculty/school/programme entrance requirements; or hold such other qualifications deemed acceptable by the relevant university as equivalent to the requirements mentioned. These entrance requirements are minimum requirements and do not guarantee entrance to a particular university or programme. Subject to necessary modification, universities would continue their current practice of accepting other languages as an alternative to Chinese Language under the new “334” structure. [Some institutions will consider other languages only if an applicant has not taken Chinese Language.]

It is recognised that specification of entrance requirements for individual faculties/ departments by universities should encourage, as far as possible, a positive effect on student choice and school planning in the senior secondary curriculum. A particular feature is that in line with the aim to provide a more broad-based curriculum, universities have supported Combined Science (with a combination of any two of Physics, Chemistry or Biology) alongside single-disciplined science subjects in their entrance requirements. This will allow more room for students to choose electives from all Key Learning Areas to meet their own interests and broaden their learning and knowledge base in preparation for university study.

Universities will also consider taking into account in their selection a broader range of information on student achievements in different areas and provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate that they possess the range of competencies and personal qualities that they will need to benefit from undergraduate education.

Universities are currently developing their approaches to 4-year undergraduate degrees. This is a dynamic process and the sector will continue to align its work with the senior secondary programme. Institutions will make any necessary adjustments to the requirements over time as planning for 4-year university studies progresses.

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1. Entrance requirements of City University of Hong Kong

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 1 elective subject

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Business</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Humanities & Social Sciences</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Science & Engineering</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>An elective from a defined list chosen from Science Education / Technology Education</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Creative Media</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Law</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

2. Entrance requirements of Hong Kong Baptist University

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 1 elective subject

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
Arts	Chinese Language and Literature	1	Nil	Chinese Literature is preferred
	English Language and Literature / English Language Teaching / Humanities / Religious Studies / Translation	1	Nil	Nil
	Music	1	Nil	Music qualifications determined by the Department
Business		1	Nil	Nil
Chinese Medicine	Chinese Medicine / Biomedical Science	1	Chemistry or Biology	Nil
	Pharmacy in Chinese Medicine	1	Chemistry or Biology	Nil
Communication		1	Nil	Student Learning Profile will be considered
Science	Computer Science / Maths	1	Nil	Nil
	Biology / Chemistry / Physics	1	One elective to be chosen from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Combined Science	Nil

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Social Sciences</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Visual Arts</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Visual Arts is preferred</i>

3. Entrance requirements of Lingnan University

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies)

Students will be admitted to Bachelor of Arts (Hons)*, Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) or Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) degrees.

* Students admitted to the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree will pursue one of the following programmes: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Chinese, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Contemporary English Studies, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Cultural Studies, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) History, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Translation, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Visual Studies.

4. Entrance requirements of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 1 elective subject

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
Arts	Anthropology; Chinese Language and Literature; Cultural Studies; History; Japanese Studies; Linguistics; Philosophy; Religious Studies; Theology; Translation	1	Nil	Nil
	English	1	Nil	Literature in English is preferred
	Fine Arts	1	Nil	Visual Arts is preferred
	Music	1	Nil	Music as an elective or equivalent is preferred
Business Administration	Integrated BBA Programme; BBA-JD; Global Business Studies; Hotel and Tourism Management; Professional Accountancy	1	Nil	Nil
	Insurance, Financial and Actuarial Analysis	1	Nil	Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required
	Quantitative Finance	1	Nil	Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Education</i>	<i>B.A. (Chinese Language and Literature) and B. Ed. (Chinese Language Education); B.A. (English Studies) and B. Ed. (English Language Education); Liberal Studies; Physical Education and Sports Science</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Electronic Engineering; Mechanical and Automation Engineering</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1 subject from Physics or Combined Science (with Physics component) + 1 subject from Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science, Information and Communication Technology or Design and Applied Technology</i>	<i>Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required</i>

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Computer Engineering; Computer Science; Systems Engineering and Engineering Management</i>	2	<i>2 subjects from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science, Integrated Science, Information and Communication Technology or Design and Applied Technology</i>	<i>Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required</i>
	<i>Mathematics and Information Engineering</i>	2	<i>2 subjects from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science, Integrated Science, Information and Communication Technology or Design and Applied Technology</i>	<i>Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is preferred</i>
	<i>Information Engineering</i>	2	<i>1 subject from Combined Science or Physics</i>	<i>Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required</i>
<i>Law</i>	<i>Legal Studies</i>	2	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Medicine</i>	2	<i>1 subject from Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Combined Science</i>	<i>Additional elective would be an advantage</i>

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Nursing</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Preferably from the following: Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Integrated Science and Combined Science</i>
	<i>Pharmacy</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Chemistry as one of the two electives</i>	<i>Additional elective would be an advantage</i>
	<i>Public Health</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Biology or Combined Science with Biology as a component is preferred</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Life Sciences (including Biochemistry; Biology; Cell and Molecular Biology; Environmental Science; Food & Nutritional Sciences; and Molecular Biotechnology)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Any one science subject (one of the electives must be a Science subject from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science and Integrated Science)</i> <i>In addition, students wishing to major in Food & Nutritional Sciences are advised to take Technology and Living.</i>	<i>Nil</i>
	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Any one subject from Chemistry, Combined Science (Chemistry, Physics) and Combined Science (Chemistry, Biology)</i>	<i>Chemistry is preferred</i>

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
Science	Chinese Medicine	1	Any one science subject (one of the electives must be a Science subject from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science and Integrated Science.)	Nil
	Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science	1	Nil	Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required
	Mathematics	1	Nil	Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is preferred
	Physics	1	Any one subject from Physics, Combined Science (Physics, Chemistry) and Combined Science (Physics, Biology)	Physics is preferred, and Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is preferred
	Risk Management Science	1	Nil	Mathematics (Module 1 or 2) is required
	Statistics	1	Nil	Nil
Social Science	Architectural Studies; Economics; Geography and Resource Management; Government and Public Administration; Journalism and Communication; Psychology; Social Work; Sociology	1	Nil	Nil

5. Entrance requirements of The Hong Kong Institute of Education

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and any 2 elective subjects

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
			<i>Nil</i>	<i>Students will have the alternative of replacing one of the elective subjects by demonstrating strong achievement in non-traditional areas such as PE, Music and Visual Arts.</i>

6. Entrance requirements of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 1 elective subject

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/ School/ Discipline	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Applied Science</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Preferably a relevant single science subject/relevant Combined Science</i>	<i>Preferably with any of the extended modules in Mathematics (for some programmes)</i>
<i>Applied Social Studies</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Business</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Communication</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Construction & Land Use</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Preferably Physics / Combined Science (with Physics component)</i>	<i>Preferably with any of the extended modules in Mathematics (for some programmes)</i>
<i>Design</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Preferably Visual Arts, Design & Applied Technology or Information & Communication Technology</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Engineering</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Preferably Physics / Combined Science (with Physics component)</i>	<i>Preferably with any of the extended modules in Mathematics (for some programmes)</i>
<i>Fashion and Textiles</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Health Studies</i>	<i>Medical Laboratory Science; Biomedical Engineering; Radiography</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Preferably a relevant single science subject and Combined Science covering the remaining two areas</i>	<i>Preferably with a relevant extended module in Mathematics</i>

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Faculty/ School/ Discipline	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
	<i>Other programmes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Preferably a relevant single science subject/relevant Combined Science</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Hotel and Tourism Management</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

7. Entrance requirements of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 2 elective subjects

Students will be admitted to Schools instead of to programmes. There will be no additional requirements for specific programmes.

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements				Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
School	Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Science</i>		2	<i>One of the electives from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science</i>	<i>Students wishing to study the physical sciences are advised to complete Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics</i>
<i>Engineering</i>		2	<i>One of the electives from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined Science</i>	<i>Students are advised to complete Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics</i>
<i>Business and Management</i>		2	<i>Nil</i>	

8. Entrance requirements of The University of Hong Kong

General Entrance Requirement : 4 cores (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics & Liberal Studies) and 2 elective subjects

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements			Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
Dental Surgery	2 (one specified as in the next column, and one unspecified)	One of the following - Biology - Chemistry - Physics - Combined Science - Integrated Science	Nil
Nursing			
Science			Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics preferred (but not required) for Mathematics & Physics stream
Engineering		One of the following - Physics - Combined Science with Physics component	Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics
Bioinformatics		One of the following - Biology - Chemistry - Physics - Combined Science	Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics preferred (but not required)
Chinese Medicine		One of the following - Chemistry - Integrated Science - Combined Science with Chemistry component	Nil
Medicine		One of the following - Chemistry - Combined Science with Chemistry component	Nil

Faculty/School/Programme Entrance Requirements			Other Additional Requirements/Remarks
Programme	Total No of elective(s) required	Specific Subject Requirements	
<i>Sports Science & Leisure Management</i>		<i>One of the following</i> - <i>Biology</i> - <i>Chemistry</i> - <i>Physics</i> - <i>Combined Science</i> - <i>Integrated Science</i> - <i>Physical Education</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Speech and Hearing Sciences</i>		<i>One of the following</i> - <i>Biology</i> - <i>Combined Science with Biology component</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Business Administration (Information Systems)</i>		<i>One of the following</i> - <i>Physics</i> - <i>Combined Science with Physics component</i>	<i>Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics</i>
<i>Actuarial Science</i>	<i>2 Unspecified</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics</i>
<i>All other programmes</i>		<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>