Applied Learning

Applied Learning Section
Curriculum Development Institute
Education Bureau
Applied Learning (ApL) —
A valued senior secondary elective subject

- Offer studies with equal emphasis on practice and theory linked to professional and vocational fields, enable students to early experience how to apply knowledge and skills in the workplace.

- Provide students with different learning experiences to broaden their horizons.

- Belong to Category B subjects of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination, and plays a complementary role to enhance students’ understanding of Category A elective subjects.
Recommendations of Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET)

• Continue to promote VPET through ApL, including strengthening engagement of industrial partners in ApL, enhancement of workplace experience of ApL students, as well as developing a VPET learning pathway (in a pilot approach) which begins with an ApL course and proceeds to a related higher diploma programme followed by the opportunity of further articulation to a top-up Bachelor’s degree.
Initial Recommendations of Task Force on Review of School Curriculum

• Further promotion of ApL as valued senior secondary elective subject

• ApL could be offered as early as in Secondary 4; funding eligibility for students taking ApL as 4th elective subject can be relaxed; a wider range of ApL courses can be provided; offer taster programmes of short duration at junior secondary level; tertiary institutions should also be encouraged to give due recognition to students’ achievements in ApL when considering them for admission to relevant programmes of study.
Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) (ApL(C)) is provided.
### ApL — Number of Courses

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* Including ApL(C) courses
## List of Senior Secondary Applied Learning Courses (2020-22 Cohort)

### Creative Studies

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• Through various learning activities, develop students’ **beginners' skill set and generic skills** for further studies and work, explore their orientation for lifelong learning and career aspirations.
• Offering studies with equal emphasis on practice and theory linked to broad professional and vocational fields.
• Course providers involve close industrial engagement in curriculum development, practices and workplace experience

  • enrich students' learning experiences
  • facilitate students’ understanding on the development of the industries
  • enhance the recognition of courses.
ApL — Complementary to Other Subjects

A flexible combination of ApL with core subjects, elective subjects and Other Learning Experiences provides students with holistic learning.

- Chemistry + Biology + Physics
- Chinese Literature + Economics
- Economics + Geography
- Tourism and Hospitality Studies

Foundation in Chinese Medicine

Magazine Editing and Production

Marketing and Online Promotion

Hotel Operations
## ApL — Promoting Multiple Pathways (Case Sharing)

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<td>1 Computer Game and Animation Design</td>
<td>• Business, Accounting and Financial Studies&lt;br&gt;• Information and Communication Technology</td>
<td>Higher Diploma in Games and Animation</td>
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<td>2 Film and Video</td>
<td>• History&lt;br&gt;• Tourism and Hospitality Studies</td>
<td>Higher Diploma in Creative Film Production</td>
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<td>3 Marketing and Online Promotion</td>
<td>• Economics&lt;br&gt;• Tourism and Hospitality Studies</td>
<td>Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours in Global Marketing and Supply Chain Management</td>
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<td>4 Western Cuisine</td>
<td>• Geography&lt;br&gt;• Information and Communication Technology</td>
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<td>5 Foundation in Chinese Medicine</td>
<td>• Biology&lt;br&gt;• Physics</td>
<td>Bachelor of Chinese Medicine and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biomedical Science</td>
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<td>6 Electrical and Energy Engineering</td>
<td>• Physics</td>
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ApL — Recognition

➢ Reporting of student performance in ApL courses in HKDSE Examination:

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➢ Performance of “Attained with Distinction (I)” and “Attained with Distinction (II)” are comparable to Level 3 and Level 4 or above of Category A subjects respectively.

➢ Students will obtain a QF Level 3 certificate issued by course providers in addition to HKDSE qualification upon successful completion of ApL courses.

Remark: ApL(C) is pegged at the QF Levels 1-3.
ApL — Further Studies

Undergraduate programmes

• Tertiary institutions in general value the learning experiences of students acquired in ApL.
• ApL subjects are used as elective subjects, or considered for award of extra bonus or additional information, varying by individual institutions, faculties or programmes.

Sub-degree programmes

Students with Level 2 in five HKDSE subjects (incl. Chinese Language and English Language) are eligible to apply for admission to Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes. Up to two ApL subjects may be used in the application.

Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students — Studying ApL(C)

University Grants Committee - funded universities and most post-secondary institutions accept ApL(C) as an alternative qualification in Chinese Language (ACL) for the admission of NCS students with “Attained” as the minimum grade required.

[Remark: ApL(C) cannot be treated as an elective subject]
Civil service appointment

• Students' results in the HKDSE Examination will be accepted for civil service appointment purposes (subject to a max. of 2 ApL subjects)

• “Attained” and “Attained with Distinction” in ApL(C) are accepted as meeting the Chinese language proficiency requirements of relevant civil service ranks
**ApL — Arrangement of Courses**

**Which levels of students are eligible to apply?**

- Apply in S4: Study in S5 and S6
- Apply in S3 / S4: Study in S4 and S5

**How will the lessons be arranged?**

- **Mode 1**: Courses take place mainly at venues of course providers on Saturdays and are taught by tutors recognised by course providers
- **Mode 2**: Courses take place mainly in schools, with lessons collaboratively arranged by school teachers and tutors recognised by course providers

**Remark**: It is up to schools to decide which ApL course(s) and in which level(s) is/are to be offered
How to choose ApL courses?

- Understand thoroughly the content and study arrangement of ApL courses before choosing elective subjects.
- Enable students in choosing ApL courses according to their interests and aspirations.
- Each student can apply for a maximum of TWO ApL courses.
Thank You

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