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GE Exemption and Transfer: Challenges and Opportunities

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The Ideal Case : 2 + 2

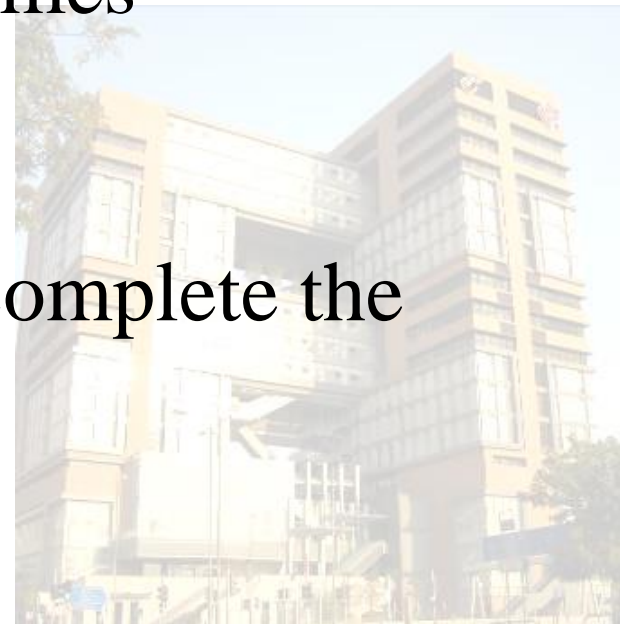
- 2- Year Associate Degree Programmes

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- 2-Year Top-up Degree Programmes

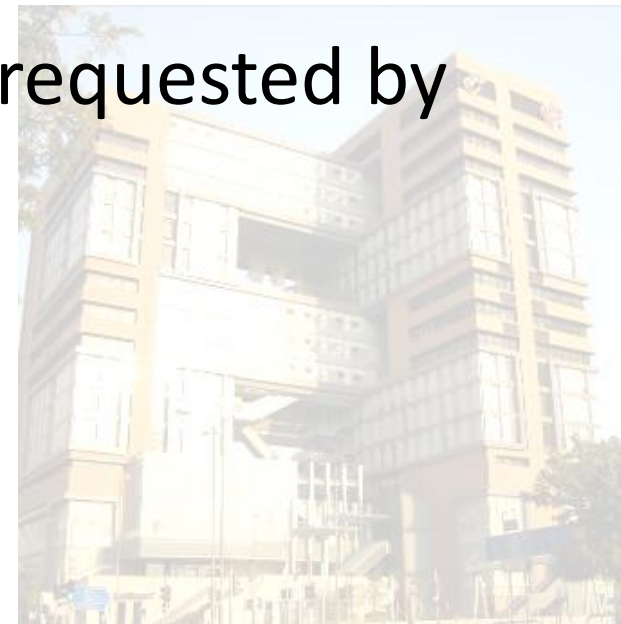
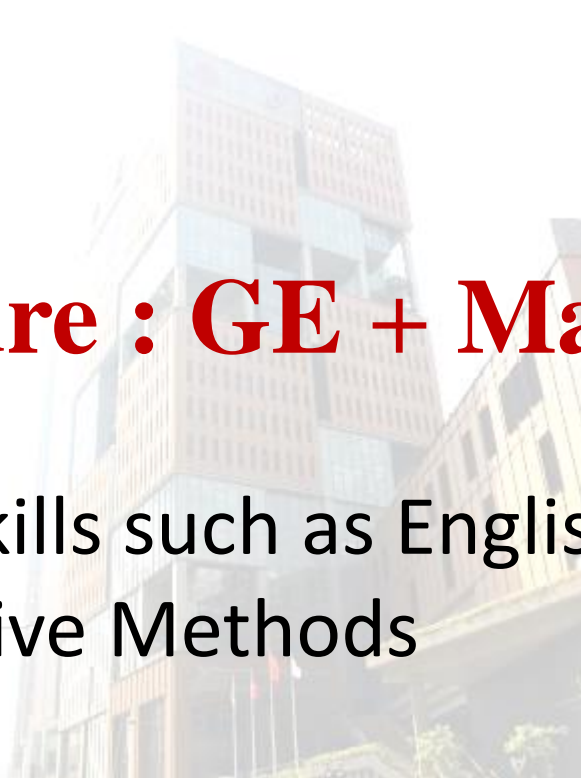
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- Admission to Senior Year and complete the degree programme in 2 years



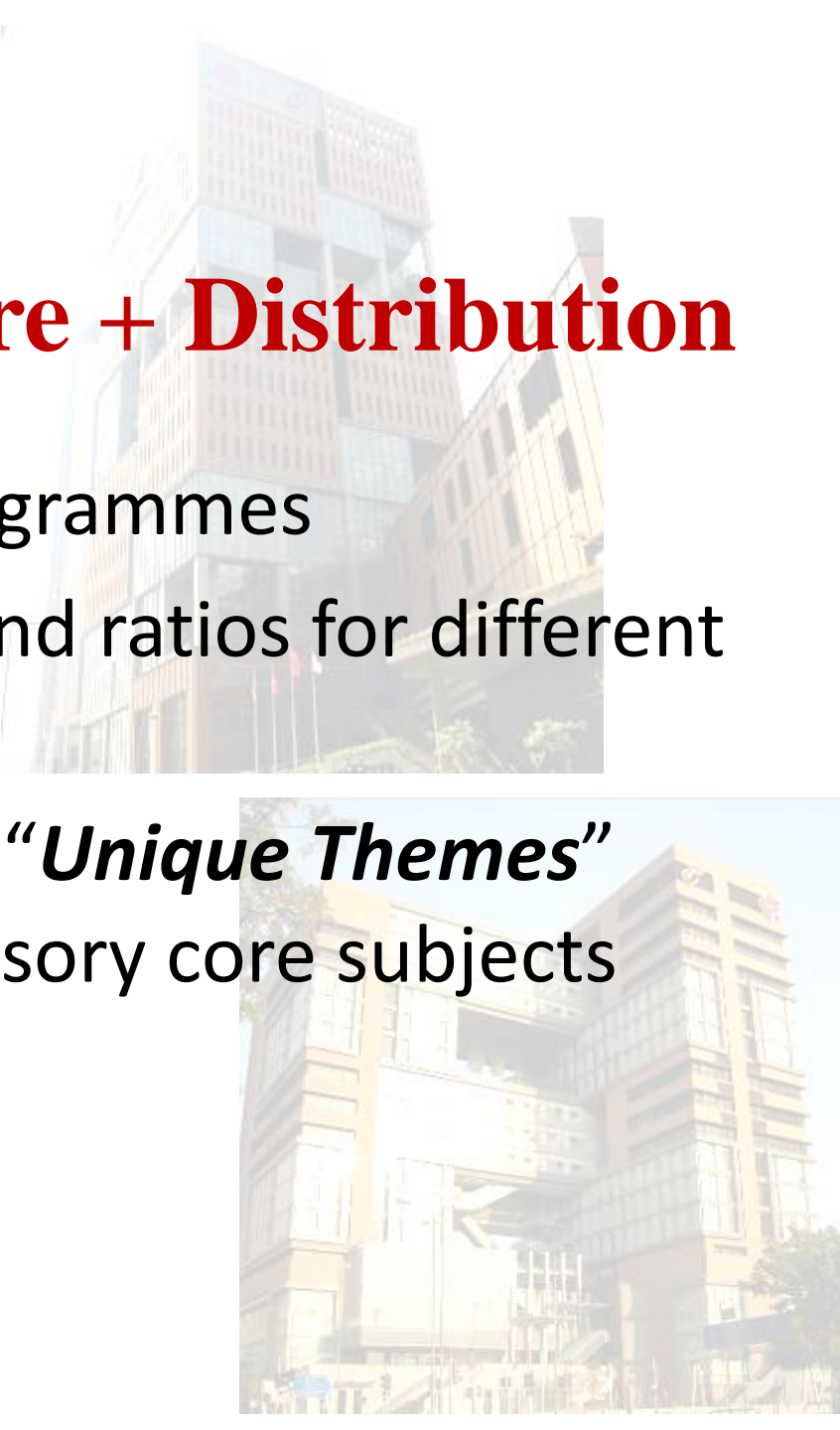
Programme Structure : GE + Major

- GE includes the generic skills such as English, Chinese, IT and Quantitative Methods
- ***2-Year AD Programme***
- Usually 60% GE + 40% “Major” requested by EDB
- ***4-Year Degree Programme***
- Usually 25% GE + 75% “Major”



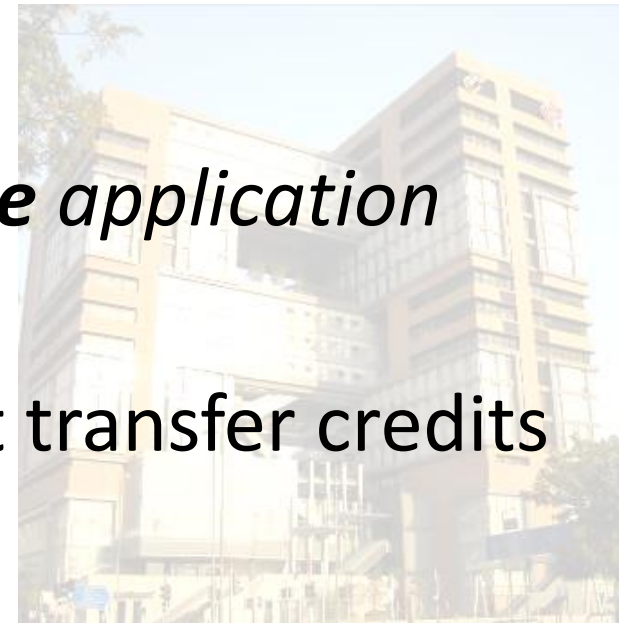
GE Structure : Core + Distribution

- Both AD and Degree Programmes
- Different combinations and ratios for different institutions/universities
- Usually universities have “***Unique Themes***” especially for the compulsory core subjects



Current Credit Transfer Arrangement

- Different arrangements by different universities
- ***“Partial” Block Transfer***
- ***Subject-to-subject Mapping***
- ***Pre-Recognition of Subjects (by nature and ILO)***
- ***Case-by-case Approval***
- Some have clear pictures ***before application and admission***
- But some could know the exact transfer credits granted ***only after admission***



Example 1: HKBU

- A blanket transfer of 12 credits in the distribution requirements
- *Usually* students get credit transfer of core requirements in English, Chinese, IT and Numeracy if students have completed relevant subjects in AD



Example 1: HKBU

- However students usually **need to take subjects (total 11 credits)** in *P.E., Public Speaking, History & Civilization, Values & the meaning of Life* unless students have completed relevant subjects in AD
- HKBU has also invited AD institutions to apply for **subject recognition** (*but not subject-mapping*) the recognized lists are posted on the web

Example 2: CityU

- AD graduates get “Advanced Standing II” status
- Block Transfer of most core and distribution requirements (no need for subject mapping)
- However students **must take (total 12 credits)**
1 English and 3 distribution elective subjects
- *No additional credit transfer (but may have subject exemption)*

Example 3: PolyU

- Block Transfer of most core and distribution requirements (no need for subject mapping)
- Language and Communication Requirements usually will be waived if students have met the equivalent standard in AD
- However students **need to take (total 9 credits)** *2 distribution elective subjects (with English and Chinese reading and writing as well as China-related requirements), Service Learning and Healthy Lifestyle*

Extra Credits => Heavy Burden

- The above examples are already favorable cases
- Still need 9 to 12 additional GE credits
- In addition, students may need to take 6 to 12 additional credits in Major subjects (*because at most 40% of their AD programmes are Major subjects*)
- ***Students need to take 15 to 24 additional credits in two (or three) years***

Wish: 2 + 2

- Block Transfer of All GE subjects (Core and Distribution)
- 1 to 2 (3 to 6 credits) “*tailor-made*” Core GE subjects to fulfill University’s “Unique Theme”
- Request EDB to change GE subjects of AD programmes to (at least) 50% (to provide room for Major subjects)
- 1 to 2 (3 to 6 credits) additional (foundation) Major subjects if needed
- ***At most 4 additional subjects in two years***

Thank You

