

HKUST Credit Transfer Framework for Local Sub-Degree Programs



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Common Core Requirements for 4Y Programs



Common Core Areas	Credits		Notes
	Required	Elective	
Humanities (H)	6*	6	*3 credits must be from H SSCs
Social Analysis (SA)	6*		*3 credits must be from SA SSCs
Science and Technology (S&T)	6*		*3 credits must be from S&T SSCs
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3		
Arts	0		
English Communication	6**	Nil	**Must be taken in the 1st year of study
Chinese Communication	3	Nil	
Healthy Lifestyle	Non-credit	Nil	
Total Credits Required	36		SSCs = School-Sponsored Courses

Credit Transfer Framework for Sub-Degree Holders



- In place from Fall 2013-14
- Tailored for sub-degree holders entering 4Y programs
- Up to 60 transfer credits can be granted on admission including:

Category 1	<p>A block transfer of 9 credits* into Common Core Courses: 3 credits each for H, SA, and S&T</p> <p><i>*cannot count against the SSC requirement in these 3 areas</i></p>
Category 2	<p>a) 6 transfer credits for the English Communication courses, based on (i) reaching a required language proficiency (i.e. IELTS score of Band 6.0 overall, with all sub-skills scored at 5.5 or above) AND (ii) having completed relevant English-language courses at post-secondary level</p> <p>b) 3 transfer credits for the Chinese Communication course, based on relevant courses taken in the post-secondary program</p>
Category 3	<p>Course-credit transfer granted by the relevant course-offering department, based on subject attainments in post-secondary program</p>
Category 4	<p>A block transfer of 12 unassigned free credits</p>

Upon receiving block transfer credits (Category 1) into the common core, **no additional transfer credits into the common core is allowed**, except credits to be granted under Category 2

Transferring Credits Into the Common Core

Common Core Areas	Credit Requirement	Transfer Credits Allowed Under The Framework	Common Core Credits To Be Completed
Humanities (H)	6*	3 <i>(Cat 1 block transfer, non-SSC credits)</i>	3 (SSC)
Social Analysis (SA)	6*	3 <i>(Cat 1 block transfer, non-SSC credits)</i>	3 (SSC)
Science and Technology (S&T)	6*	3 <i>(Cat 1 block transfer, non-SSC credits)</i>	3 (SSC)
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	N.A.	3
English Communication	6	0 or 6 <i>(subject to assessment)</i>	0 or 6 <i>(subject to credit transfer result)</i>
Chinese Communication	3	0 or 3 <i>(subject to assessment)</i>	0 or 3 <i>(subject to credit transfer result)</i>
Healthy Lifestyle	0	N.A.	HLTH 1010 <i>(non-credit course)</i>
H/SA/S&T/ QR/Arts	6	N.A.	6
Total	36	9 (block transfer) + 0-9 (subject to assessment)	18 - 27 + HLTH 1010

*3 credits must be taken from SSC course list of the respective area