



General University Requirements The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



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General University Requirements (GUR) for 4-year Degree Programmes

Cluster Area Requirements
(CAR)
(12 credits)

- To expand students' intellectual capacity beyond their disciplinary domains and to enable them to tackle professional and global issues from a multidisciplinary perspective

Language and Communication
Requirements (LCR)
(9 credits)

- To help students become biliterate and trilingual and to acquire language skills necessary for effective study and communication

Freshman Seminar
(3 credits)

- To introduce students to their chosen discipline and to engage students in desirable forms of learning at university that emphasize self-regulation, autonomous learning and deep understanding

Leadership and Intra-personal
Development
(3 credits)

- To introduce students to the concepts and theories of leadership and to prepare them to become ethical leaders

Service-Learning (SL)
(3 credits)

- To nurture students to be “responsible global citizens”

Healthy Lifestyle
(non-credit bearing)

- To encourage students to adopt a healthy lifestyle

GUR for Articulation Degree Programmes

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Cluster Area Requirements (CAR) [6 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should not take more than 3 credits (1 subject) from the same cluster area.• Students need to fulfill the English and Chinese Reading and Writing Requirements and China Study requirement (CSR).
Service-Learning [3 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior to its full implementation, students may take a 3-credit free elective in lieu of the Service Learning requirement
Healthy Lifestyle [non-credit bearing]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A modified version will be offered.

GUR for Articulation Degree Programmes (cont'd)

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Language and Communication Requirements (LCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having met the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree Language and Communication Requirements (LCR) (Note 1)

Note 1: Students would be considered for credit transfer based on their previous studies in AD/HD programmes and their academic performance. Students not meeting the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree LCR will be required to take degree LCR subjects.

Credit Transfer Arrangements for GUR for Senior Year Intakes

Area and Credit Requirement

Curriculum Requirement

Cluster-Area Requirements
(CAR)
[12 credits]

- Students will be given credit transfer of a minimum of 6 credits.
- Students should not take all the remaining 6 credits from the same cluster area and these 6 credits should also not be taken from the same cluster areas from which credit transfers have been given.
- Students need to fulfill the **English and Chinese Reading and Writing Requirements and China Study Requirement (CSR)**.
- Students may apply for a waiver if they have fulfilled the English and Chinese Reading and Writing Requirements and/or CSR in their previous studies.

Credit Transfer Arrangements for GUR for Senior Year Intakes (cont'd)

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Language and Communication Requirements (LCR) [9 credits; 6 credits in English and 3 credits in Chinese]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students would be considered for credit transfer based on their previous studies in AD/HD programmes and their academic performance.
Service Learning [3 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is required. • Prior to its full implementation, students may take a 3-credit free elective in lieu of the Service Learning requirement
Freshman Seminars [3 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is <u>NOT</u> required, in view that students have already completed the AD/HD studies in the related discipline.

Credit Transfer Arrangements for GUR for Senior Year Intakes (cont'd)

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Leadership & Intra-personal Development [3 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is <u>NOT</u> required, in view that students are comparatively more mature than the freshmen of 4-year programmes.
Healthy Lifestyle [non-credit bearing]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is required.• A modified version will be offered.

Points to note/discuss:

1. For 2013/14, PolyU had no particular framework to guide the credit transfer of GUR for those admittees with HD/AD qualifications since the number of admittees was limited. Academic Departments had discretion to grant credit transfer to GUR subjects and also Discipline-specific subjects with a maximum of 30 credits.
2. The Senior Year Intakes and articulation degree programmes will be fully implemented in 2014/15 and the frameworks are provided as presented. It would be useful if the Associate Degree providers could proactively provide the syllabi of the General Education and Language subjects to the Universities to facilitate the credit transfer.

Thank you!