

philosophy, anthropology, sociology, critical theories, literary theories, postmodern and postcolonial discourses.

HUMN 1006 Introduction to the Humanities (3,2,1) (C)/(E)

This course is a general introduction to the Humanities by providing students with a basic understanding of the Humanities as an area of study. This course delivers an interdisciplinary and multi-perspective overview of cultural, political, philosophical and aesthetic factors critical to the formulation of human values and the historical development of the individual and of society. Providing discussion of different themes and disciplines in the Humanities such as literature, the arts, philosophy and cultural studies, this course also introduces the relationship between the Humanities and the university as an idea and an institution.

HUMN 2005 Humanities Study and Research Methods (3,2,1) (E)

This course will prepare students for the three-year study of the Humanities. It will introduce the approaches and methods distinctive of interdisciplinary Humanities thought, and it will compare these methods with those employed in other branches of learning, e.g. social and natural sciences. Significant texts concerning the approach, content areas, and ideas of the course in Chinese and in English will be introduced. Students will learn to integrate different points of view through cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural readings. The course will also introduce the relationship between the Humanities and the university as an institution and an idea.

HUMN 2006 Human Self-Discovery (3,2,1) (C)

This course aims to (1) introduce various theories of human nature to students as an intellectual foundation for reflection on what it is to be human; (2) help students to learn how to analyse claims about humanness and to practise their arguments for or against these claims on the basis of comparisons with others' claims; and (3) explore with students together on particular aspects and problems associated with classical, modern and contemporary theories about humans and human nature in the light of its developments in the history of thoughts gleaned from traditional Chinese and Western philosophies.

HUMN 2007 Chinese and Western Modes of Thought (3,2,1) (C)

This course aims to provide students a clear understanding of the basic differences and similarities between traditional Chinese and Western cultures through comparative study of selected themes in philosophical, religious, moral, and scientific thinking. This course will also analyse issues pertaining to cultural encounters, accommodations, and confrontations in modern and contemporary Chinese history with some emphasis on Hong Kong. This study of cultural interaction will help students acquire a vision of the changing world and develop their ability to adapt to those changes.

HUMN 2015 Writing Seminar: Workshop in Creative Writing (3,2,1) (C)

This course aims to enable students to understand and examine the major creative writing genres through practices and critical analysis, explore the rich diversity of modern literary writings, and read representative works in English and Chinese that will parallel the writing exercises in both languages. (This course is cross-listed as WRIT 2015.)

HUMN 2016 Performing as Human Experience (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) boost students' power of reflection on their daily life experience and values through dramatic re-enactment of situations; (2) enhance students' multiple intelligences including spatial, intra-personal and inter-personal, etc.; and (3) improve students' expressive capacity through better use of their bodies and speech.

HUMN 2017 A Lifelong Romance with Films (3,2,1) (E)

This course aims to provide students a humanistic learning experience through examining selected films which discuss

fundamental issues of life and living. Films chosen for the course will be narratives about different life stages—childhood, teenage years, adulthood, old age—and will present students opportunities for discussion of meanings and significance of experiences at these life stages. In the course of examining these films and discussing the various questions related to life and living, students will also be learning about the film medium, such as the different genres and their conventions, how stories are told, and different strategies of representation. Through interactive and experiential learning, the course aims to enhance students' skills of discussion, creative expression, critical thinking, and cultural literacy. It is also hoped that students will form the habit of active participation and become responsible learners.

HUMN 2025 Gender: Theory and Culture (3,2,1) (E)

This course will introduce students to trends of thought and the basic theories in gender studies. This interdisciplinary introduction will define and explore how gender is constructed socially, culturally, and historically, using examples from various cultures.

HUMN 2026 Globalization and Culture (3,2,1)

This course is designed to equip students with the ability to understand culture in the age of globalization from an interdisciplinary perspective. It will study the changing conceptions of culture and the major trends of thought in the discourse of globalization, trying to unravel the complex relationship between globalization and culture.

HUMN 2027 Introduction to the Art of Theatre (3,2,1) (C)

This course aims to introduce the histories and aesthetic principles of the major forms of theatre from the West to the East. It discusses the relation between different forms of theatre and their relations to reality, historical and social background. It helps students to analyse and appreciate different styles and genres of theatre, their aesthetic principle, and their relation with their time and culture. It will also show examples theatre forms with the help of original texts, videos or live performances.

HUMN 2035 Introduction to Western Classical Culture (3,2,1)

This course aims to introduce the foundations of Western culture, i.e. the ancient Greek and Roman culture through understanding and appreciation of selected literary texts. By reading of representative works in epic, drama, poetry, rhetoric, history and philosophy, it helps students comprehend and appreciate the various aspects of classical culture and their significance for the modern Western world. It thus serves as an essential part of the western tradition of humanistic education. Relevant dramas and films about ancient Greece and Rome will also be shown in class to consolidate the understanding of these cultures.

HUMN 2036 Media and Communication: Issues, Concepts and Theories (3,2,1) (E)

This course aims to introduce the complex issues, theories, and methods involved in understanding contemporary mediascape. Through reading classic and contemporary texts on the media, students will learn various theories of the media, the issues raised by these theories, the strengths and weaknesses of these theories, and the diverse methods of studying the media.

HUMN 2045 The Art of Speech: Appreciation and Practice (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) foster appreciation of the role of rhetoric in Western and Chinese culture, and critical awareness of the power and limitations of the spoken art of persuasion; (2) help students acquire knowledge and understanding of the history and theory of rhetoric the basic philosophical issues about rhetoric and the methods of speech analysis; and (3) provide students with practice and training in the skills of speech composition and delivery.