

representations of love and sex, and its meaning and their significance for our understanding of these important aspects of human existence. Selected examples in philosophical treatise, literature, painting, image making, architecture and film will be used for detailed discussion. It will help students understand and analyse the major factors affecting our notions and understanding of love and sex in the modern society, and will therefore be able to engage in critical discussion about current issues arising in the Hong Kong society related to love and sex and their representations.

**HUM 2140 Chinese and Western Modes of Thought (3,2,1)**

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 mythical, religious, moral and scientific thinking. It will also analyse issues pertaining to cultural encounters, accommodations and confrontations in modern and contemporary Chinese history with some emphasis on Hong Kong.

**HUM 2150 Language and the Humanities (3,2,1)**

The goal of this course is to explore the role language plays in defining our fundamental human nature as symbol-constructing, symbol-using beings. The course also examines how fundamental issues within the humanities intersect with the nature of language as both a system and an activity to produce the complex human world we experience as simply "the way things are".

**HUM 2160 Gender Studies (3,2,1)**

This course will introduce students to trends of thought and the basic theories in gender studies. This introduction will define and explore how gender is constructed socially, culturally and historically. By examining gender-related issues like discrimination and inequality, students will critically consider what it means to be human and to empathise with human beings and their struggles.

**HUM 2180 Great Works in the Humanities (3,2,1)**

This course will present an array of primary texts, in English and Chinese, that have shaped the study of the humanities and have been acknowledged as formative masterpieces in the study of the humanities. It will demonstrate, through the particular address of primary texts, the humanistic tradition of intertextual study involving literary, philosophic, historical and other forms of writing. The course will encourage students to confront the contemporary controversy surrounding canonical literature, and it will encourage students independently to exercise their critical, analytical and creative judgments in assessing the value of such canonical works in the modern world.

**HUM 2190 The Art of Speech: Appreciation and Practice (3,2,3)**

The art of rhetoric has been one of the central components in the history of humanities and liberal arts education. The ability in composing, delivering and appreciating eloquent speeches has been regarded as a central part in the development and the human mind. This course aims at introducing the theories of rhetoric and the art of speech from the classical time of Aristotle and Cicero to modern theories of discourse analysis and hermeneutics. It will also be devoted to the appreciation of the famous speeches in ancient times, Shakespearean plays and modern historic speeches by famous statesmen and public figures. The students may also have the opportunity to practise this art by writing or delivering speeches in different imagined situations, e.g. political speech, legal disputation or commercial lobbying.

**HUM 2210 Writing Seminar: Workshop in Creative Writing (3,2,1)**

This course deals with the major creative writing genres, such as poetry, fiction and drama for developing students' writing skills. Students will be asked to produce exercises in different genres and an extended project in a single selected form. This programme

will introduce students to the representative works in English and Chinese that parallel their writing training in both languages. Reading and writing exercise will also be devoted to functional and non-fictional writing.

**HUM 2220 Professional Writing Practicum: Essentials of the Craft of Writing (3,2,1)**

This course is designed to enable students to cope with the writing tasks they may be required to perform in the commercial, industrial and public fields of employment in Hong Kong. The class will focus on report writing, proposal writing, business correspondence, persuasive commentary and review. A specialist in English and one in Chinese will co-teach the course, thus allowing each type of writing to be taught in parallel fashion enabling students to make meaningful comparison.

**HUM 2230 Drama as Human Experience (3,2,2)**

The course regards drama as a form of human expression. Through reading, discussion, and re-enactment of different situation concerning various human experiences, the students learn to reflect on personal, social and cultural values. It also aspires to an extended study on the forms of educational drama, i.e. the training on drama teaching.

**HUM 2240 Performing as Human Experience (3,2,1)**

This course provides students with basic training in performance (including drama and performance art). Through creating and enacting dramatic scenarios, students will develop an acute awareness of their own physical and spiritual situation in their daily life experience. Both the idea and exercises of performing are central to the content of this course.

**HUM 2250 Modern Dance as Hong Kong Experience (3,3,3)**

This course will inspire students to understand the modern dance development, its vocabulary, and its humanistic values in general; as well as its relation to the Hong Kong society in particular. Through lectures, workshops and creative experiences, students will develop an understanding of the expressive aspect and the artistic values of modern dance.

**HUM 2260 The Present State of the Arts (3,2,1)**

This course enables students to acquire comprehensive view of the current art and cultural scenes. It also extends their learning and understanding of art through theoretic, critical studies as well as direct encounter with art practitioners. The programme work will also allow them to experience art-making during research studies and "visual" presentations on current art topics.

**HUM 2310 New Media Cultures (3,3,3)**

This programme will examine from a cultural studies approach how new media shape and change representation, ideology and power relations in contemporary culture. It is an investigation of the struggle over meaning, knowledge and power produced by newer forms of media (web sites, computer interface, virtual worlds, multimedia, computer games, digital video, special effects in cinema and net films, interactive computer installations, etc.). Analysing whether the newness of new media is really new or just a reformation of what already exists, this programme explores what kind of challenge new media has brought to our everyday life and studies if the new forms produce distinctively different contents and audiences. We understand the activities carried out in the new media as a place of significant contestation in which the dominant class disseminate their ideas and the subordinate groups construct their identity. This programme will also look at how new media accentuate the productive dimension of the consumption process and identify the moments of transformation in cultural consumption.

**HUM 2320 Science Fiction, Film and Culture (3,3,3)**

Science fiction and film are the cultural forms that reflect how we understand our world. This programme aims to examine science fiction through some of its most influential works in the