

GE Transfer Practice in HKBU

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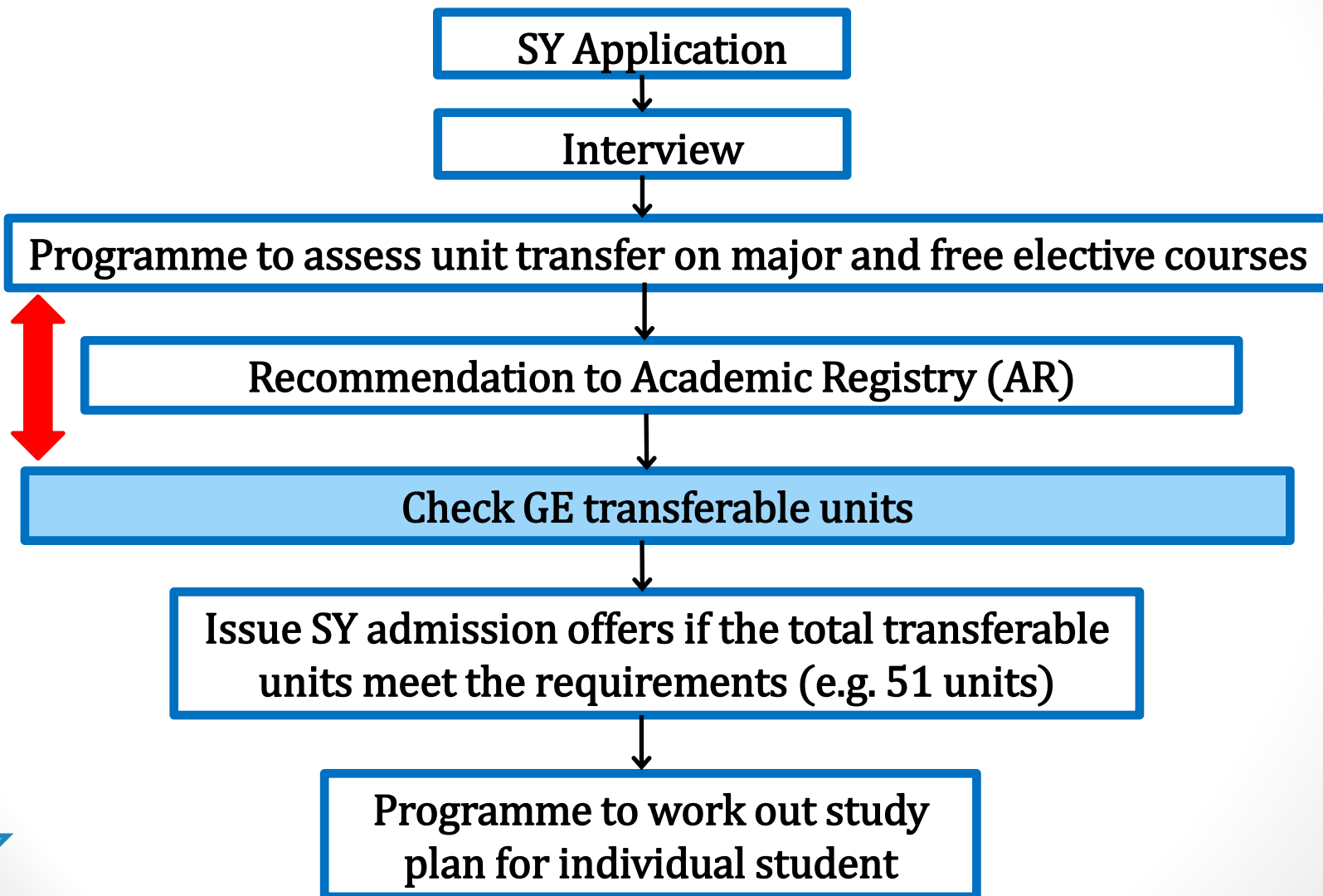
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Background

1. The HKBU admitted its first batch of Senior Year (SY) entrants (about 400 students) to the four-year curriculum in 2014.
2. Number of SY entrants is expected to increase further in the coming years.



Work Flow of SY Admissions in 2014/15

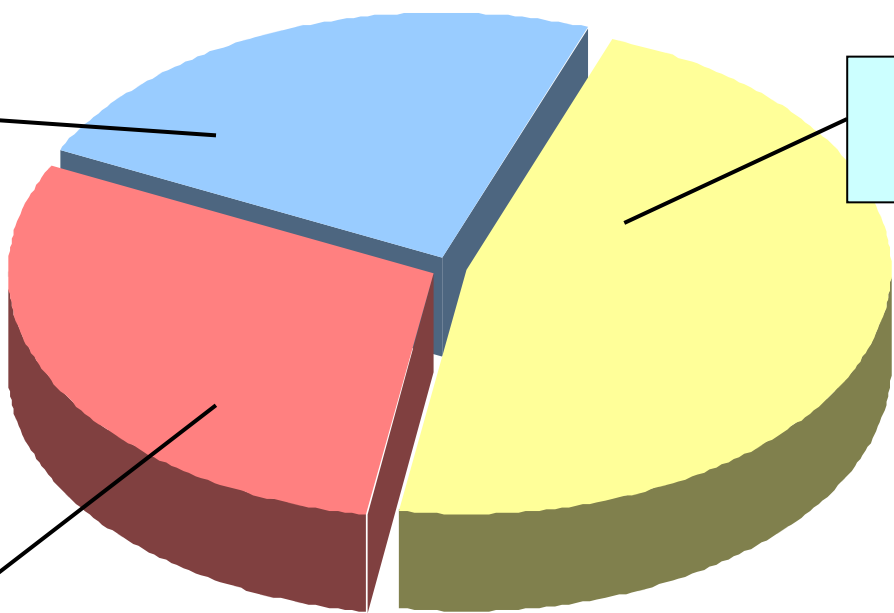




Minimum No. of units required for graduation for 4-Year Prog: **128**

Electives:
30 units

Major:
60 units



General Education: 38 units

- Core requirements: 26 units
- Distribution requirements: 12 units

Guidelines for Unit-Transfer Arrangement in 2014/15

Category	Recommended No. of unit transfer
Major	15-30
Free elective	0-30
General Education	0-38
Total:	51-64 ($\leq 50\%$)

- Normative total units required for graduation is 128.

Concerns raised in the 2014/15 SY admission exercise

1. Rather tedious and complicated process of course exemption and unit transfer in the admission process.
2. Number of transferred units for major and GE courses, e.g. more transferred GE units are desirable.

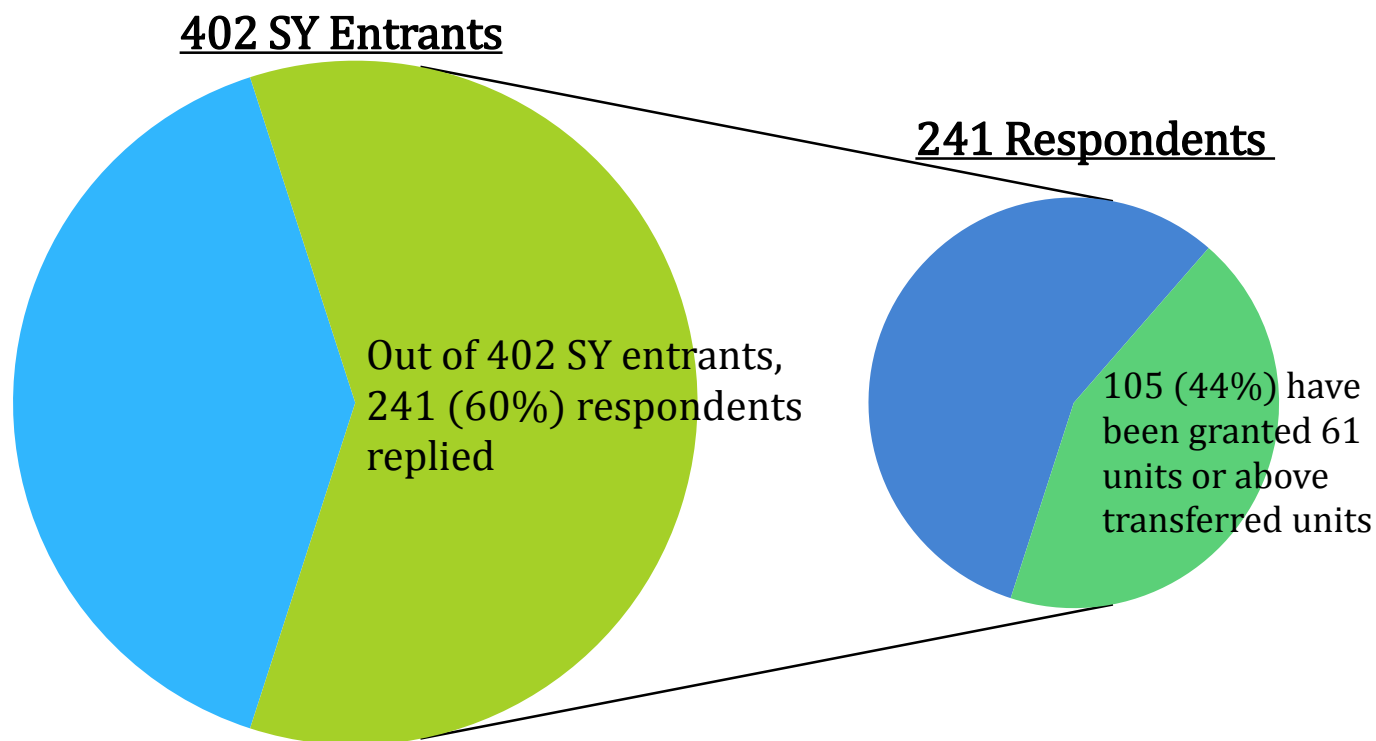
Setting up of a Task Force

With a view to enabling a smooth admission process, HKBU set up a Task Force in November 2014 to:

- review the overall process of SY admissions and study arrangements;
- make recommendations on unit transfer arrangements – e.g. min. no. of unit transfer, **block transfer / exemption for GE courses**, no. of unit transfer for major courses, etc.



Online Survey Conducted by the Task Force



- 139 respondents are satisfied with the no. of transferred units granted;
- 47 respondents are not satisfied with the no. of transferred units granted, they have to take many GE courses which affect their academic pursuits in the major discipline.

Consultative Meetings Conducted by the Task Force

Two consultative meetings in the form of focus group interviews were also held to collect in-depth views.

Major requests:

- More transparent information on course recognition and unit transfer for AD/HD programmes.
- Early release of information on the number of transferred units that can be granted.

Principles on Unit Transfer Arrangement for Sub-degree Graduates in 2015/16 SY admission exercise

- Reference should be made to the Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Policy and Principles;
- Outcome-based with reference to the students' prior learning outcomes, instead of seeking perfect equivalence. Course-to-course comparison should be the exception rather than normal practice;
- A flexible approach to the recognition of courses/units should be adopted.

Implementation of Unit Transfer Arrangement in 2015/16 SY admission exercise

- Adhering to the spirit of **CAT**, block transfer of GE courses was adopted for sub-degree graduates for 2015 entry.
- Total number of transferred units in the range of 51-64 units (or up to 50% of the total number of units required for graduation).
- To enhance transparency of information, details are placed in the University's admissions webpage.



Category	Recommended number of units transfer
Major	≥ 15 units
General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 - 38 units for AD graduates• 18 units for HD graduates <p>Details on transfer of GE units are placed on the General Education Office website: http://ge.hkbu.edu.hk/students/exemptions/</p>
Free Electives	Remaining units
Total	51-64 units (≤50% of the total number of units required for graduation)

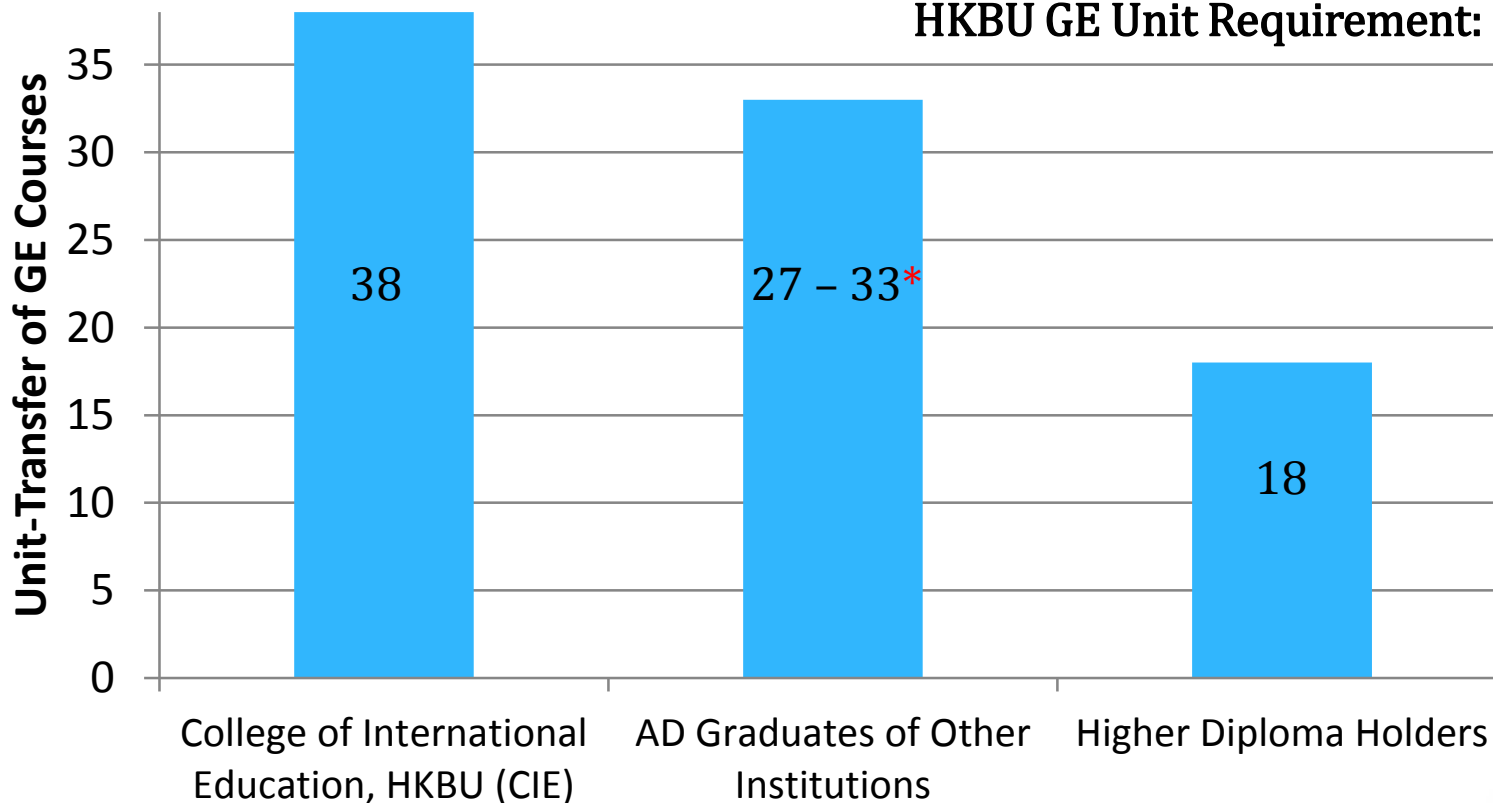
The number of transferred units is subject to the final decision of major programmes.

Website: http://ar.hkbu.edu.hk/pros/admiss_schemes/nj_direct_admiss_applicants/syadm/



Block Transfer of GE Courses for AD/HD Graduates

HKBU GE Unit Requirement: 38



* Students are granted 27 transferred units at the point of admission, they may apply for additional units afterwards if they have taken relevant course(s) in categories not included in the block transfer.



Block Transfer of GE Courses for AD Graduates from institutions other than CIE

Core Requirements	Units	Distribution Requirements	Units
University English I	3	Arts	12
University English II	3	Business	
University Chinese	3	Communication/Visual Arts	
Information Technology Management	3	Science/ Chinese Medicine	
		Social Sciences	
Numeracy	3	Interdisciplinary	
Public Speaking	3		
History and Civilization	3		
Values and the Meaning of Life	3		
Physical Education	2		

Remark: Unit transfer approved for AD graduates (courses highlighted in red)



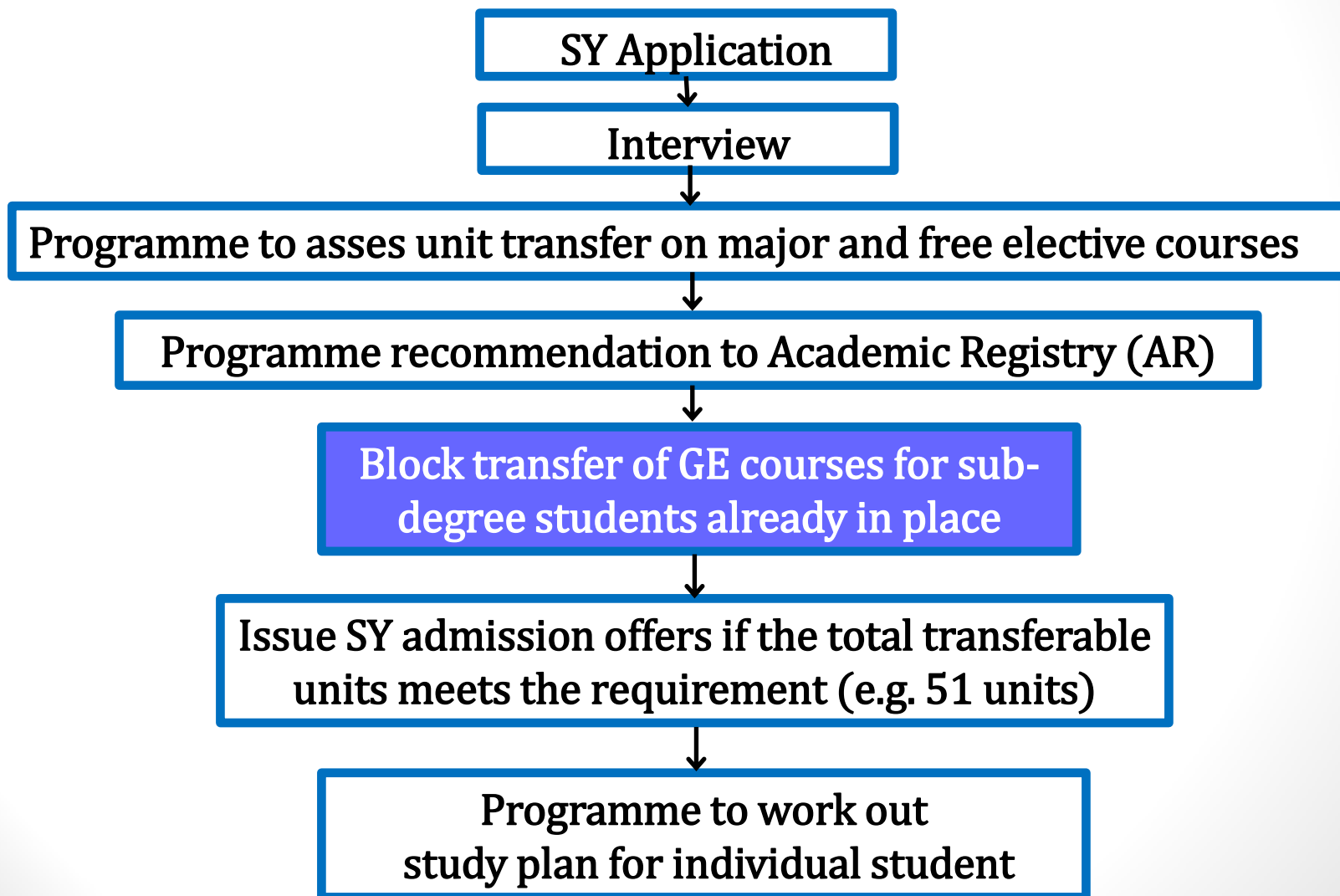
Block Transfer of GE Courses for HD Graduates

Core Requirements	Units	Distribution Requirements*	Units
University English I	3	Arts	12
University English II	3	Business	
University Chinese	3	Communication/Visual Arts	
Information Management Technology	3	Science/ Chinese Medicine	
Numeracy	3	Social Sciences	
Public Speaking	3	Interdisciplinary	
History and Civilization	3	*Students will be granted transfer of 3 units in one of the distribution areas	
Values and the Meaning of Life	3		
Physical Education	2		

Remark: Unit Transfer approved for HD graduates (in red) plus one course under Distribution Requirements



Streamlined Work Flow of SY Admissions and Unit Transfer Arrangement starting from 2015/16



Thank you