

# GE Transfer practice in local degree institutions (PolyU perspective)

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# PolyU 4-Year Undergraduate Degree Structure

- *Minimum* credit requirement: **120 credits**
  - General University Requirement (GUR) [30 credits]
  - Major Study [66-102 credits]
  - Free Electives/Minor Study [Remaining credits]

# PolyU General University Requirement

- 30-credit General University Requirement (GUR) consists of 6 components:



(Source: OGUR website)

- *Academically rigorous for expanding students' intellectual capacity.* These subjects introduce a particular discipline, covering its foundational presuppositions, the structure of its knowledge domain, its approach of enquiry and study methodologies, as well as its major trends of development.

# Freshman Seminar – 3 credits

- Introduce students to the discipline/profession and enthuse them about their potential major;
- Cultivate their higher order thinking skills;
- Encourage their entrepreneurship; and
- Help them learn to engage in self-directed and autonomous study.



# Language and Communication Requirement (LCR) – 9 credits

- Aims to help students become an effective communicator by developing their language competence for academic and professional needs.
- All students are required to take 9 credits of LCR subjects, including English (6 credits) and Chinese (3 credits).
- Additional language requirements 'Reading and Writing Requirements' in both English and Chinese are embedded in the CAR subjects for further development of literacy skills.
- Major study - a minimum of 4-credit discipline-specific language requirements (2 credits in English & 2 credits in Chinese).



# Leadership & Intra-Personal Development – 3 credits

- Aims to prepare students to lead themselves and others.
- Enabling students to:
  - understand theories and research on the intra-personal and interpersonal qualities of effective leaders;
  - develop self-awareness and a better understanding of oneself;
  - acquire interpersonal skills essential for functioning as an effective leader; and
  - develop self-reflection skills.



Leadership &  
Intra-Personal  
Development

# Cluster Area Requirement (CAR) – 12 credits

- Aims to expand students intellectual capacity beyond disciplinary domains and to enable them to tackle professional and global issues from a multidisciplinary perspective.
- Includes broader range of academic subjects that use different paradigms, theoretical perspectives and methods of enquiry across the **4 cluster areas**.



# Cluster Area Requirement (CAR) – 12 credits (Cont'd)

- Three attributes embedded in some CAR subjects (and students need to fulfill for graduation)
  - **China Studies** - to help students understand aspects of Chinese culture, history and contemporary developments.
  - **English Writing and Reading** - to further enhance students' proficiency in English.
  - **Chinese Writing and Reading** - to further enhance students' proficiency in Chinese.



Cluster Area  
Requirements



# Service Learning – 3 credits

- Aims to help students develop into a competent professional with a heart to serve others.
- Students to:
  - Apply the knowledge & skills they acquired from university learning to deal with complex issues in the service setting;
  - Reflect on the roles and responsibilities both as a professional in their chosen discipline and as a responsible citizen; and
  - Develop a stronger empathy for people in need and a stronger sense of civic responsibility.



Service  
Learning

# Healthy Lifestyle – non-credit bearing

- Aims to help students acquire the basic knowledge and skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle and the quality of life by improving their physical well-being.
- Students will be able to:
  - Develop an individual approach to maintain physical, emotional and social well-being via exercise/sport participation;
  - Acquire the basic knowledge of risk factors and safety issues for exercise and daily life; and
  - Acquire the basic knowledge and the importance of maintaining a well-balanced diet.



# PolyU Articulation Degree Programmes

- *Minimum* credit requirement: **60 credits**
  - Including the mandatory **reduced GUR** curriculum of 9 credits.



- Student not meeting the equivalent standard of the Language & Communication Requirement (LCR) will be required to take additional LCR subjects.
- No further credit transfer for the required GUR subjects.

# PolyU Senior Year Intakes to Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- *Minimum* credit requirement: **60 credits**
  - Including the mandatory **reduced GUR** curriculum.



- Student not meeting the equivalent standard of the Language & Communication Requirement (LCR) will be required to take additional LCR subjects.
- No further credit transfer for the required GUR subjects.

# PolyU GUR requirements for different groups of students - Overview

GUR components	4-Year Curriculum	Senior Year Intakes	Articulation Degree
Freshman Seminar	3 credits	Not Required	Not Required
Leadership & Intrapersonal Development	3 credits	Not Required	Not Required
Language and Communication Requirement (LCR)	9 credits	Student <u>not</u> meeting the equivalent standard of the LCR will be required to take additional LCR subjects.	Student <u>not</u> meeting the equivalent standard of the LCR will be required to take additional LCR subjects.
Cluster Area Requirement	12 credits	Max. of 6 credits	6 credits
Service-Learning	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Healthy Lifestyle (non-credit bearing)	Required	Not Required	Not Required

# PolyU Articulation Degree Admittees/Senior Year Intakes

Type	No. of Students (as of 10 Jun 2015)
Articulation Degree Programmes	1692
Senior Intakes to Undergraduate Degree Programmes	1250

# Admittees to PolyU required to take additional LCR subjects

- Student not meeting the equivalent standard of the LCR will be required to take additional Language and Communication Requirement (LCR) subjects.
- Admittees will be assessed according to guidelines developed by the University language units.

# Admittees to PolyU required to take additional LCR subjects (Cont'd)

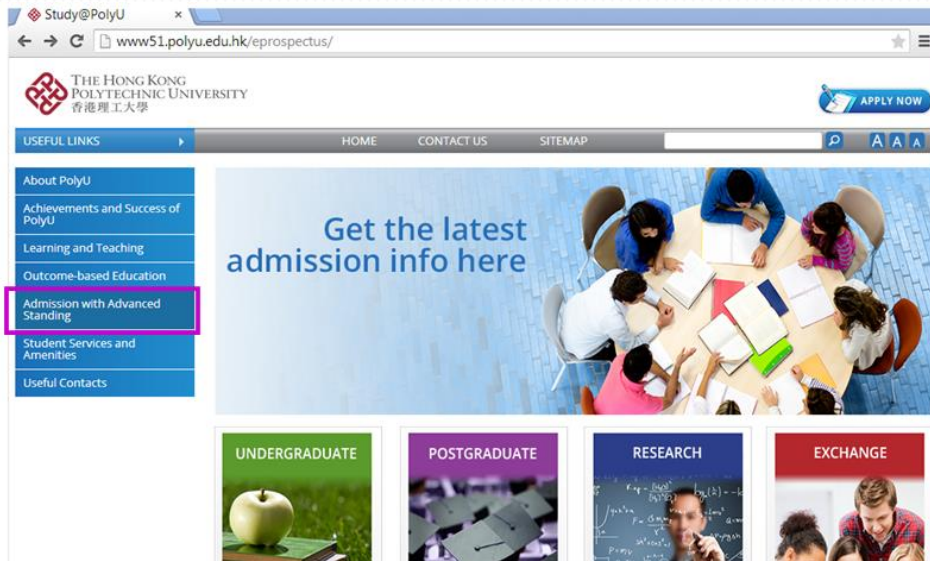
- For 2014 cohort, students required to take additional LCR subjects:
  - Chinese LCR: 165
  - English LCR: 314
  - Chinese and English LCR: 533

*(data as of 10 June 2015)*



# Admission Information for Applicants with AD/HD qualifications

- Study@PolyU (<http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eProspectus/>)



**Admission with Advanced Standing**

Students with an appropriate Higher Diploma or Associate Degree from a recognised institution can be considered for senior year admission to our full-time government-funded Bachelor's degree or for admission to our articulation degree programmes.

Other students may also be admitted with appropriate recognition of their past study and take fewer credits if they possess advanced admission qualifications above the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (e.g. holders of HKALE/GCEALE/IB qualifications. HD/AD graduates not offered places through the senior year admission route or students studying Bachelor's degree programmes).

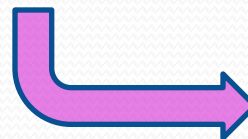
The University has stipulated policies on credit transfer for admission with advanced standing as follows:

1. The number of credits which a student is required to complete for the award concerned will be determined by the Programme host department at the time of admission, and no later than the end of the add/drop period.
2. Students, who upon admission wish to apply for further transfer of credits from their previous studies, and take fewer credits than those confirmed at the time of admission, will have to follow the arrangements for 'application for credit transfer' and to pay the related fees. The credits to be transferred are subject to the rules governing credit transfer including the maximum credits allowed and the validity period for subject credits.

The number of credits to be taken by students with advanced standing are summarised in the following table:

**Credit Requirements for Students with Advanced Standing**

Type of Requirement	No. of Credits to be Taken			
	Admittees with Advanced Admission Qualification other than IB / A-Level	Admittees with IB / A-Level Qualifications	Senior Year Intakes	Admittees to Articulation Programmes
<b>Total Credit Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required to take fewer subjects (normally 25% to 50% fewer credits of the credit requirements of a 4-year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required to take fewer subjects (up to 25% fewer credits of the credit requirements of a 4-year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required to take fewer credits [eligible applicants will be given recognised credits which are equivalent/near to the study load of the first two years of study in</li> </ul>	60-75 credits





Q&A