

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Arts in English Studies (MAES) Programme (2024/2025)

(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg> before submitting your application.)

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 to read for the degree of Master of Arts (MA) in the field of English Studies. The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study. The application deadlines are:

Full-time:	First Round- <u>12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 5, 2023</u> Second Round- <u>12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 28, 2024</u>
Part-time:	First Round- <u>12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 5, 2023</u> Second Round- <u>12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 28, 2024</u> Third Round- <u>12:00 noon (GMT +8), June 28, 2024</u>

The admission will be made on a rolling basis.

Admission Requirements

2. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:
 - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
 - (b) shall hold
 - (i) a good Bachelor's degree of this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
 - (ii) a good Bachelor's degree with a major in English or a closely related subject;
 - (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#).

The programme has its specific requirements with regard to TOEFL and IELTS:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum requirement</u>
TOEFL: Paper-based test (PBT)	Overall score of 550 with 4 in Test of Written English (TWE); or
TOEFL: Internet-based test (iBT)	Overall score of 80 with 25 in Writing; or
IELTS	Band 7 with no subtest lower than 5.5

Note: Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.

- (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Application

3. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be submitted online at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg>.
4. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents within one month starting from the date of receipt of the email notification. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.

5. In order to support the University's environmentally friendly initiatives, documents uploaded to the system should NOT be delivered to the University by post in duplicate, except for the official score report of TOEFL / IELTS.
6. The application system consists an idle session timeout. Applicants will be automatically logged out if the browser is idle for 20 minutes. Please save your work timely to prevent loss of data.
7. Applicants who do not hear from the Faculty of Arts by August 31, 2024 may assume their applications unsuccessful.

Regulations and Syllabuses

8. The regulations and syllabuses for the MA programmes can be viewed at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.

Concurrent Studies

9. General Regulation G6(b)(i) prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for any other post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any educational institution, unless approval of the Senate has been obtained in advance. Students in breach of this regulation may be required to discontinue their studies at this University.

Visa for Studies

10. If you are not a holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, a dependent visa, a work visa or an IANG (Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates) visa, you must obtain a student visa before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted to full-time studies. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid visa and register in the programmes before the study begins. If any student fails to register in time, the offer of admission may be withdrawn and all fees already paid will not be refunded.

Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities

11. The School of English is pleased to offer two scholarship and fellowship opportunities to outstanding full-time and part-time students admitted in 2024/2025:

(a) Entrance Scholarship for the Master of Arts in English Studies

- (i) The Scholarship shall be awarded annually to new full-time and part-time students of the Master of Arts in English Studies programme, on the basis of academic merit, upon admission. Preference shall be given to the students who are not holding any scholarships and students with financial need.
- (ii) The exact award number and values of awards shall be determined by the Selection Committee, based on funding availability. In any event, the value of each scholarship shall be not less than HK\$10,000.
- (iii) In the event of there being no suitable applicant in any year, no awards shall be made.
- (iv) MAES applicants who would like to apply for the Entrance Scholarship shall submit a separate application by completing an application form (available at: <https://english.hku.hk/Postgraduate/MAES>) and send it back to the School Office (email: maesft@hku.hk) by **March 28, 2024**.

(b) Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships

- (i) Applications are open to both full-time and part-time **local** students.
- (ii) The fellowship students are required to pay a minimum tuition fee of at least HK\$42,100, which is the prevailing rate of the UGC-funded programmes. The differences will be subsidised by the

fellowships subject to a cap of HK\$120,000 for each student regardless of the actual study period of the programme; and any remaining cost should still be covered by the students.

- (iii) Fellowship holders who are unable to complete the MAES programme or fail to attain an expected level of performance may be required to refund the full amount of the fellowship award.
- (iv) Students awarded with other government scholarships for pursuing the same programme, including the Continuing Education Fund, will not be considered; nevertheless, students provided with financial assistance in the form of loans from the Government (e.g. Extended Non-means-tested Loan Scheme under Student Finance Office) to settle the tuition fees for the TPg programme are still eligible to apply.
- (v) For more information on the “Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme”, please visit the [University Grants Committee’s official website](#).
- (vi) MAES applicants who would like to apply for the Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships shall submit a separate application by completing an application form (available at: <https://english.hku.hk/Postgraduate/MAES>) and send it back to the School Office (email: maesft@hku.hk) by **March 28, 2024**.

Programme Website

12. Please visit the programme website for more information (<https://english.hku.hk/Postgraduate/MAES>).

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