Master of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies 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 Literary and Cultural 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 **Round 1: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), January 5, 2024** and **Round 2: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 28, 2024**. 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 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;

   (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:

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<td>TOEFL: Paper-based test (PBT)</td>
<td>Overall score of 550 with 4 in Test of Written English (TWE); or</td>
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<td>TOEFL: Internet-based test (iBT)</td>
<td>Overall score of 80 with 25 in Writing; or</td>
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   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.

3. An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Application**

4. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK$300 per application) should be submitted online at [https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg](https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg).

5. 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](https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list).

6. In order to support the University’s environmental 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.

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

11. The award of the Master of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies Entrance Scholarship is based on academic merit and financial need. Applicants who intend to apply for the Scholarship should refer to an announcement on MALCS website (https://complit.hku.hk/malcs/scholarship_malcs.html) for details.

Targeted Taught Postgraduate Fellowships Scheme

12. The Master of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies programme (Full-time and Part-time) have been included in the Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowship Scheme by the University Grant Council (UGC) in the 2024/25 academic year. Successful applicants will each receive a subsidy of up to HK$120,000. Interested prospective students are required to fill in an online application form for Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme 2024-2025 - MALCS by 12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 3, 2024. Only local students are eligible for this Fellowship. Please refer to UGC’s website or Programme’s website for more information about the fellowship scheme.

Programme Website

13. Please visit the programme website for more information (https://complit.hku.hk/malcs/).

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