

SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION AND SOCIETY [BGLIS]

These syllabuses apply to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the 4-year curriculum in the academic year 2026-27 and thereafter.

1. Candidates must enrol and attempt examination in not fewer than 240 credits of courses in accordance with the regulations and the syllabuses. In addition, the 240 credits of courses should be completed in the following manner:

UG 5 requirements [36 credits]

- Languages*	12 credits
- HKU Common Core Curriculum*	24 credits
- Non-credit bearing courses as required by the University*	0 credits

First Major in Global Leadership, Innovation and Society [162 credits]

- First-year Core courses	48 credits
- Second-year Core courses	48 credits
- Third-year Core courses	24 credits
- Fourth-year Core courses	18 credits
- Third/Fourth-year Specialization courses	24 credits

Compulsory Global Learning Modules

Free Electives	42 credits
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Total credits for degree programme	240 credits
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2. To fulfil the graduation requirement of this degree as specified by the Board of the Faculty of Business and Economics in accordance with UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula, candidates must satisfactorily complete the courses identified by an asterisk (*). Those courses include the following areas of study: English language enhancement (6 credits), Chinese language enhancement (6 credits), Common Core Curriculum (24 credits), non-credit bearing courses as required by the University, and a capstone experience.
3. Candidates must complete a total of 24 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising 6 credits from any four different Areas of Inquiry except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits.
4. Specialization
At the end of the second year of study, candidates shall choose to pursue one of the following specialization tracks: (i) Technology and Development, (ii) Business and Development, or (iii) Society and Development. During their third and fourth years, candidates are required to satisfactorily complete at least 24 credits of Specialization-specific courses approved by the BGLIS Programme Director as relevant to their chosen track. Subject to availability and the approval of the BGLIS Programme Director and the relevant Master's Programme Director, candidates may also enrol in courses offered under the Faculty's Master's programmes as Specialization-specific courses.
5. For courses offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics, the final examination is typically 2 hours in length. Final grading is normally determined by performance in the final examination (10-30%) and coursework assessment (70-90%), except for courses with a final project/final paper which are assessed by 100% coursework.
6. Candidates should take note of any impermissible combinations of majors/minors listed in the document "Major/Minor Programmes offered by FBE" for the year concerned.

7. Candidates are not permitted to enrol in courses where significant portions of the course contents overlap with each other, or where the courses are mutually exclusive.

1. UG 5 requirements [36 credits]

(a) Languages* [12 credits]

<i>Course code</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Year of study</i>	<i>Credits</i>
CAES1001 [#]	Academic communication in English*	1	0
CAES9920	Academic communication for business and economics*	1	6
XXXXxxxx [^]	Chinese language course(s) offered by a top-tier institution in Chinese Mainland*	2	6
CUNDxxxx [^]	Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students*	1 or 2 or 3	

[#] Candidates who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, are exempted from this requirement.

[^] Candidates are required to successfully complete the 6-credit Chinese language enhancement requirement through one of the following options:

- (a) candidates should take an equivalence of 6 credits in Chinese language course(s) at a top-tier institution in Chinese Mainland during the Global Learning Module I; *or*
- (b) non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking candidates should take a 6-credit Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students (i.e. CUNDxxxx course) at HKU.

(b) HKU Common Core Curriculum* [24 credits]

<i>Course code</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Year of study</i>	<i>Credits</i>
CCXXxxxx	4 CC courses from any four different Areas of Inquiry*	1 or 2 or 3	24

(c) Non-credit bearing courses as required by the University* [0 credits]

<i>Course code</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Year of study</i>	<i>Credits</i>
XXXXxxxx	Non-credit bearing courses as required by the University*	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	0

2. First Major in Global Leadership, Innovation and Society [162 credits]

<i>Course code</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Year of study</i>	<i>Credits</i>
GLIS1901	Mathematical Foundation for AI – Part I	1	6
GLIS1902	Mathematical Foundation for AI – Part II	1	6
GLIS1903	Foundations of Economics – Part I	1	6
GLIS1904	Foundations of Economics – Part II	1	6
GLIS1905	Technology and Civilization – Part I	1	6
GLIS1906	Technology and Civilization – Part II	1	6
GLIS1907	Business Fundamentals	1	6
GLIS1908	Technology, Business, and Society in the AI Era	1	6
GLIS2901	Foundations of Accounting and Finance – Part I	2	6
GLIS2902	Foundations of Accounting and Finance – Part II	2	6
GLIS2903	Scientific Foundations of AI – Part I	2	6
GLIS2904	Scientific Foundations of AI – Part II	2	6

<i>Course code</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Year of study</i>	<i>Credits</i>
GLIS2905	AI, Human Behaviours, and Ethics – Part I	2	6
GLIS2906	AI, Human Behaviours, and Ethics – Part II	2	6
GLIS2907	Culture and Society – Part I	2	6
GLIS2908	Culture and Society – Part II	2	6
GLIS3901	Integrated Business Studies	3	6
GLIS3902	Policy Analysis	3	6
GLIS3903	AI and Business Applications	3	6
GLIS3904	Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship	3	6
XXXXxxxx	Specialization-specific Courses	3 or 4	24
GLIS4901	Topical Seminar on Future Society	4	6
GLIS4902	Independent Study	4	6
GLIS4903	Capstone Project* (Capstone course)	4	6

3. Compulsory Global Learning (GL) Modules¹ (Year 2)

- GL Module I: Chinese Mainland (September – December)***
Candidates will spend the one semester at Peking University in Chinese Mainland, where they will take the core courses while being immersed in Chinese culture. The module will also offer insights into China's economic and social developments.
- GL Module II: United States (January – May)***
Candidates will spend one academic quarter as visiting students at U.C. Berkeley. This module includes interactions with American scholars and students, company visits, and exposure to the U.S. innovation ecosystem and cultural landscape.
- GL Module III: Spain (May – August)***
Candidates will study at the HKU Europe Campus in Barcelona, continuing the core courses with HKU professors and top scholars. They will also have the opportunity to take electives at leading business schools in Spain, and explore European arts and culture through curated short study trips.

4. Free Electives [42 credits] – any courses except Common Core courses

Note:

- To satisfy the curriculum requirement, candidates shall complete all three Global Learning Modules. Credits successfully completed at the host institution may be transferred towards the BGLIS degree. Prior approval is required if candidates wish to transfer credits taken abroad before departure. Failure to obtain credits at the host institution will be considered as failure to complete the said curriculum requirement.

REFERENCE TABLE

Year	Lang.	Common Core	Major	Free Electives	Total
I	6 credits	6 credits	48 credits	-	60 credits
II	6 credits	-	48 credits	6 credits	60 credits
III	-	18 credits	36 credits	6 credits	60 credits
IV	-	-	30 credits	30 credits	60 credits
Total	12 credits	24 credits	162 credits	42 credits	240 credits