

General University Requirements (GUR)

The 9 credits of GUR will be distributed as follows:

Area and Credit Requirement	Curriculum Requirement
Cluster-Area Requirements (CAR) [6 credits; min. 3 credits should be in subject designated as “China-related”]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should not take more than 3 credits (1 subject) from the same cluster area.• Students need to fulfill the English and Chinese reading and writing requirements and 3 credits of China Studies requirement (CSR).• Students may apply for a waiver if they have fulfilled the English and Chinese reading and writing requirements and/or CSR requirement in their previous studies.
Service Learning [3 credits]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With its full implementation from 2015/16 academic year, students are required to take Service Learning subject to fulfill this requirement
Language and Communication Requirements (LCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having met the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree Language and Communication Requirements (LCR) (Note 1)

Note 1: This is normally not required. Only those students not meeting the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree LCR (based on their previous studies in AD/HD programmes and their academic performance) will be required to take degree LCR subjects on top of the normal curriculum requirement. The Programme offering department will refer to the guidelines provided by the Language Centres (ELC and CBS) to determine whether a new student has met the equivalent standard.

Cluster-Area Requirements (CAR) †

Students have to choose and successfully complete a total of 6*^ credits from CAR subjects according to their own interests from 2 of the following cluster areas:

- Human Nature, Relations and Development
- Community, Organisation and Globalisation
- History, Culture and World Views
- Science, Technology and Environment

China-Study Requirement*

To enable students to develop a deeper understanding of China (i.e., its history, culture and society, as well as emerging issues or challenges), students are further required to complete **at least 3 credits of CAR subjects which are designated as “China-related”** from any of the four Cluster Areas.

Reading and Writing Requirements^

To enhance students' literacy skills in reading and writing, the Senate-approved framework also stipulates that students must, among the CAR subjects they take, pass **one** subject that includes the requirement for a substantive piece of writing in English (EW Requirement) and **one** subject with the requirement of a substantive piece of writing in Chinese (CW Requirement). Subjects approved for meeting the Writing Requirement will be given a “W” designation.

They must also, among the CAR subjects they take, pass **one** subject that includes the requirement for the reading of an extensive text in English (ER Requirement) and **one** subject with the requirement for the reading of an extensive text in Chinese (CR Requirement). Subjects approved for meeting the Reading Requirement will be given an “R” designation.

A list of approved CAR subjects for meeting the reading and writing requirements is shown at the website of the Office of General University Requirements (OGUR): www.polyu.edu.hk/ogur.

Students who are non-Chinese speakers or those whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below will be, by default, exempted from the Reading and Writing Requirements in Chinese. However, this group of students would still be required to take one Chinese LCR subject to fulfil their Chinese LCR.