

Double Major in BA(Hons) in Linguistics and Translation (BALT) and BA(Hons) in English and Applied Linguistics (BAEAL)

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| Programme Code | 72425-LTR & 71429 |
| Credit Required for Graduation | For students admitted from 2025-26 onwards (Full-time Undergraduate Degrees): 159 credits + 3 training credits of WIE (subject to approval) |

Programme Overview

The **BALT** programme focuses on translation, linguistics, and speech sciences. It aims to train language and knowledge professionals with biliteracy and trilingual proficiency, advanced communication and interpersonal skills, cultural and domain sensitivity, and technological competence for new media; to provide solid knowledge and skills in linguistics, speech sciences, translation, interpreting, and corporate communication; and to develop graduates' abilities in language data analytics to meet societal needs.

The **BAEAL** programme focuses on providing students with professional communicative competence in English, a firm grounding in applied linguistics and communication, and an awareness and understanding of intercultural communication in multilingual settings. It aims to nurture graduates with the strong communication skills and technical acumen needed by English language professionals to solve real-world problems effectively in local and global multilingual professional/business settings.

Entrance Requirement

To be eligible for Double Major, you must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above at the time of application for Double Major.

The Double Major application period normally begins after the announcement of overall results for Semester Two of Year One. Your CGPA at the end of Semester Two of Year One will be used to determine your eligibility. If you are interested in pursuing a Double Major, please submit your application via eStudent > Application Forms > (AR164) Application for Major/Secondary Major/Double Major during the designated application period.

Study Duration

Students typically require a longer normal duration to complete their studies (i.e. beyond four years) and to take extra credits on a self-financed basis (i.e. pay a higher tuition fee)

Programme Structure

Credit Requirement

The Double Majors in Linguistics and Translation and English and Applied Linguistics requires the

accumulation of **159** relevant credits plus 3 training credits (subject to approval). In addition to the **27*** GUR credits, students need to complete

- (1) **84*** Major credits plus 3 training credits;
- (2) **51** credits by completing at least **17** subjects (including all the compulsory subjects) offered by ENGL.

Students who choose this academic pathway must earn 21 level-4 credits from BALT plus 21 level-4 credits from BAEAL. Double Major students will be exempted from taking WIE, GUR-AIDA and GUR-IE subjects of the second Major.

| Subject Nature | Credits Requirement |
|------------------------------|--|
| GUR Components | 27 credits* |
| Faculty Compulsory | 9 credits* |
| Faculty Electives | 9 credits |
| Compulsory subjects for BALT | 33 credits + 3 training credits |
| Elective Subjects for BALT | 33 credits (9 credits should be at Level 4) |
| BAEAL Subject | 51 credits (at least 17 subjects, including all the compulsory subjects) |
| Total | 159 credits + 3 training credits |

** Double fulfillment - Students completing CHC134 Science and Civilisation in Pre-modern China will meet the Cluster Area Requirements (CAR) in Chinese History and Culture (CAR (M)), the ER/EW requirement, and a Major requirement. Therefore, students are NOT required to take other CAR (M) or ER/EW subjects for which the Major has already been fulfilled.*

Subject List

Table 1: GUR Components for BALT

| GUR Components | No. of Credits |
|---|-----------------------|
| (a) Language and Communication Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL2000 English for Effective Communication • ENGL2001 English for Professional Communication • CBS2901 Chinese for Language Professionals | 3 3 3 |
| (b) AIDA Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBS1903 Introduction to AI and Data Analytics for Language Professionals | 2 |
| (c) IE Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBS1904 Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Languages and Linguistics | 1 |
| (d) Leadership Education and Development | 3 |
| (e) Service-Learning Subject | 3 |
| (f) Cluster Area Requirements (CAR) 6 credits from each of the following 2 cluster areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, Technology and Environment (CAR D) • Culture, Organisations, Societies and Globalisation (CAR N) | 3 3 |

| GUR Components | No. of Credits |
|---|-----------------------|
| 3 credits from Chinese History and Culture (CAR M) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students completing <i>CHC134 Science and Civilisation in Pre-modern China</i> will meet the Cluster Area Requirements (CAR M), the English Reading and Writing (ER/EW) Requirements, and a Major requirement. Thus, students are NOT required to take other CAR (M) or ER/EW subjects to fulfil the requirements of CAR (M) and ER/EW. Students must also fulfil the Reading and Writing Requirements in Chinese (CR/CW). | 3 |
| (g) Healthy Lifestyle | Non-credit bearing |
| | Total credits: 27 |

Table 2: Faculty Compulsory subjects for BALT

| Subject code | Subject title | No. of Credits |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| CHC134 | Science and Civilisation in Pre-modern China* (with CAR M, with ER and EW) | 3 |
| FH1101 | Introduction to Language | 3 |
| FH1001 | Language and Humanities Professionals in Society [#] | 3 |
| Total subjects: 3 | | Total credits: 9 |

* *GUR-DSR double-fulfillment subject*

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Table 3: Faculty Elective subjects for BALT

| Subject Code | Subject Title | No. of Credit |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| CBS1402 | Introduction to Translation | 3 |
| CBS2201 | Introduction to Speech Therapy | 3 |
| CBS2905 | Introduction to Modern Chinese | 3 |
| CHC131P | Major Trends in Chinese History | 3 |
| CHC234P | Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature | 3 |
| ENGL1003 | Introduction to English-Speaking Culture | 3 |
| ENGL1004 | Communication Skills at Work | 3 |
| ENGL2016 | Language in Social Contexts | 3 |

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Table 4: LST Compulsory Subjects for BALT

| Subject Code | Subject Title | No. of Credit |
|---------------------|--|--|
| CBS2904 | Academic and Technical Chinese Writing | 3 |
| ENGL2003 | English for Advanced Academic Writing | 3 |
| CBS2400 | Work Integrated Education (WIE) | 3 (training credits) |
| CBS3802 | Introduction to Interpreting | 3 |
| CBS3842 | Consecutive Interpreting | 3 |
| CBS3843 | Translation for Corporate Communication | 3 |
| CBS3844 | Translation for the Media in the Digital Age | 3 |
| CBS3947 | Programming and Data Analysis for Language Studies | 3 |
| LST4xxx | Integrated Double Major Capstone Project (subject to approval) | 6 |
| CBS4801 | Translation Studies | 3 |
| CBS4902 | Comparative and Contrastive Studies of Chinese and English Grammar | 3 |
| Total subjects: 11 | | Total credits: 33 + 3 training credits |

Table 5: LST Elective Subjects for BALT

(according to areas, excluding Japanese and Korean within LST)

| Subject Code | Subject Title | No. of Credit |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| <i>Translation</i> | | |
| CBS1402 | Introduction to Translation* | 3 |
| CBS3446 | Corporate Communication: Theory and Practice | 3 |
| CBS4446 | Intercultural Communication in Corporate Context | 3 |
| CBS4840 | Translation for Science and Technology | 3 |
| CBS4841 | Translation for Legal Work | 3 |
| CBS4843 | Simultaneous Interpreting | 3 |
| CBS4844 | Machine Aided Translation | 3 |
| CBS4845 | Literary Translation | 3 |
| CBS4846 | Translation Criticism | 3 |
| <i>Linguistics</i> | | |

| Subject Code | Subject Title | No. of Credit |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| CBS2905 | Introduction to Modern Chinese* | 3 |
| CBS3948 | Semantics: Meaning in Language | 3 |
| CBS3949 | Sounds and Sound Systems of Language | 3 |
| CBS3950 | Pragmatics: Language in Use | 3 |
| CBS4702 | Advanced Topics in Quantitative Language Studies | 3 |
| CBS4703 | Social Media and Social Network Analysis | 3 |
| CBS4704 | Workshop on Language Analytics | 3 |
| CBS4943 | Language and Society | 3 |
| CBS4956 | Varieties of Chinese | 3 |
| CBS4957 | Cantonese Linguistics | 3 |
| CBS4958 | Fundamentals of Computational Linguistics | 3 |
| CBS4959 | Syntax | 3 |
| CBS4960 | Phonetics and Phonology | 3 |
| CBS4962 | Corpus and Language Technology for Language Studies | 3 |
| <i>Others</i> | | |
| CLC2940 | Advanced Putonghua Communication Skills | 3 |
| <i>Speech Sciences</i> | | |
| CBS2201 | Introduction to Speech Therapy* | 3 |
| CBS3402 | Psycholinguistics | 3 |
| CBS3404 | Language, Cognition and Brain | 3 |
| CBS3408 | Language Acquisition | 3 |
| CBS3410 | Python for Language Analytics | 3 |
| CBS4945 | Analysis of Language Samples: Clinical Implications | 3 |
| CBS4949 | Child Communication Disorders and Special Education Needs | 3 |
| CBS4950 | Communication Disorders Across the Life Span | 3 |
| CBS4952 | Language and Speech Production: Anatomical and Physiological Perspectives | 3 |
| CBS4953 | Techniques in Language Sciences | 3 |

| Subject Code | Subject Title | No. of Credit |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| CBS4954 | Statistics for Language Studies | 3 |
| <i>Elective Subjects Offered by COMP</i> | | |
| COMP1011 | Programming Fundamentals | 3 |
| COMP2011 | Data Structures | 3 |

* These subjects can fulfil the credit requirement of either FCFC Elective Subjects or Elective Subjects for BALT.

For further details of the programme requirements, please refer to the BALT PRD [[link](#)] and BAEAL PRD [[link](#)].

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