

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Arts in the field of Literary and Cultural Studies Programme (2026/2027)

(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 2026 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 2, 2026**

Round 2: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 27, 2026**

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:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum requirement</u>
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: Starting from the 2026 intake, IELTS and TOEFL tests must be taken within two years prior to September 1 of each admissions year. IELTS Indicator and TOEFL Special Home Edition are not accepted.

- (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\$600 per application) should be submitted online at <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>.
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, unless you receive notification to submit your documents.
7. Applicants who do not hear from the Faculty of Arts by August 31, 2026 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. All applicants without the right of abode/right to land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa for the purpose of education from the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) 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 the field of 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.
12. In 2024, the Faculty of Arts established the “Faculty of Arts Scholarship for Local Students” to recognise the outstanding achievements of local students and encourage their pursuit of further study. Applicants who intend to apply for the Scholarship should refer to an announcement on MALCS website (https://complit.hku.hk/malcs/scholarship_arts_faculty.html) for details.

Programme Website

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

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