



# Welcome to the Department of History !



## Dear Year 1 Broad-based Students,

This leaflet is designed to introduce you to the Department of History in preparation for the Major Application process. If you have questions that are not covered in this leaflet, please feel free to contact us. Choosing a Major is an important decision, which will have a lasting impact on your future career. The Department's doors are always open to students seeking advice and support.

The History Department is composed of a team of energetic scholars and dedicated teachers from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise. All members of the Department care deeply about our students and enjoy witnessing their academic and personal successes. We hope that you will have fun studying history, while also developing the analytical skills and historical perspective that will be useful throughout your lives. The Department wishes you a fruitful learning journey at Baptist University!

With best regards,  
Historians at 11/F AAB

## Stay Connected



Please browse through our monthly E-newsletter in order to learn about the Department's latest developments!

## Quick Facts

- History:** The Department of History and Geography was established in 1960, four years after the Hong Kong Baptist College was founded. In 1978, the Department split into two departments, namely the Department of History and the Department of Geography. The History Department commenced its first degree course for the History Major in 1988. In 1994, the College was renamed Hong Kong Baptist University.
- Teaching Programmes:** (i) BA (Hons) in History; (ii) BSSc (Hons) in China Studies - History Option; (iii) BA (Hons) in History and BEd (Hons) in Liberal Studies Teaching; (iv) BA (Hons) in History + Diploma in Education; (v) BSSc (Hons) in China Studies - History Option + Diploma in Education; (vi) MSSc in Contemporary China Studies - History and Culture Concentration; (vii) MPhil; (viii) PhD.
- Current Undergraduate Enrolment:** 213
- Current F/T, P/T, and Visiting Academic/Teaching Staff:** 20
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# BA (Hons) in History (4-year curriculum)

## Programme Description

It is hoped that students, after completing the programme, will be able:

1. To investigate the development of human society from a historical perspective;
2. To demonstrate power of critical thinking and analytical ability in understanding historical events;
3. To show in-depth knowledge of the heritage of China and other great civilizations;
4. To pursue graduate studies in history or a related discipline; and
5. To enter various fields outside history, such as the civil service, business, publishing, and teaching.

## Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILO)

Students, who have completed the four-year programme successfully, will be able to:

### Knowledge

1. acquire a sound understanding of major historical factors and movements that shape the growth of the human community.
2. demonstrate an in-depth and up-to-date knowledge of at least one of the following areas: (1) Chinese History, (2) World History, or (3) East-West Studies.

### Skills

1. apply advanced historical methods and innovative explanation models to conduct independent research for the pursuit of original and creative inquiries.
2. trace the historical roots of contemporary issues and analyze the worldwide impact of individual historical events.
3. communicate effectively historical knowledge in competent language and IT skills.

### Attitude

1. appreciate the nature, values, uses and limitations of history as an academic discipline and the significance of historical knowledge.
2. develop a critical and broadminded attitude toward traditions and cultural heritage of different civilizations to facilitate students' search for the value and meanings of citizenship with an international outlook and a sense of civility.

## **The structure of the curriculum is as follows:**

Major Required Courses	27 units
Core Major Elective Courses	9 units
Major Elective Courses	18 units
Honours Project	6 units
General Education Courses	38 units
Elective Courses	30 units
	<b>128 units</b>

For a list of the current required courses, core major elective courses, and major elective courses, please visit <http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/degree/deg-ba4.html>. However, please note that the Department has recently proposed nine additional new courses and the revision of six existing courses in order to diversify the curriculum. Therefore, more options will be offered in the coming academic year.

# Scholarships Exclusively for History Majors

- ★ Ding Richang Scholarship (highest CGPA among all classes)
- ★ Mr. Liu Chia Chu Memorial Scholarship (basing on Yr 4 CGPA)
- ★ HKBU Scholarship in Historical Studies (basing on Yr 3 CGPA)
- ★ Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lau Scholarship (basing on Yr 2 CGPA)
- ★ Madam Shao Shu Lung Memorial Scholarship (basing on Yr 1 CGPA)
- ★ Madam Shao Shu Lung Memorial Prize (for Postgraduate Students)
- ★ Mr. Arthur Lau Award in Gender History (for Postgraduate Students and Final Yr Students)
- ★ Professor Chen Yanhang Memorial Scholarship (for self-funded MPhil Students)



## Research Directions / Areas

The Department has an international reputation in historical research. Our members publish widely in academic journals, books, and edited volumes. Our research, teaching, and publications cover a variety of topics, periods, and regions, and are delivered in multiple languages.

Business History	History of Borderlands and Frontiers	African History	Colonialism
Cultural History	History of Children	East Asian History	Cross-cultural Studies
Ethnic History	History of Christianity	European History	Foreign Relations
Gender History	History of Customs	Global History	Historiography
Intellectual History	History of Education	Local History	Historical Geographic Information System
Legal History	History of Expatriate Communities	Southeast Asian History	The Enlightenment
Military History	History of Hong Kong Popular Religion		
Natural History	History of Medicine and Diseases		
Political History	History of Migration		
Social and Economic History	History of Science and Knowledge		

For more information, please visit

<http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/research.html> (funded research projects)

<http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/activities.html> and <http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/conferences.html> (academic activities)

[http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/staff\\_pub/2014.html](http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/staff_pub/2014.html) (staff publications)

# Questions?

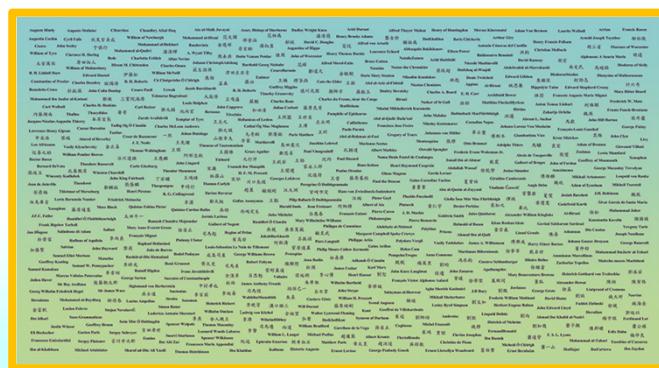
## ■ What can I learn from studying History?

Please come to 11/F AAB and take a look at the inspirational quotes about the benefits of studying history that we have posted.



## ■ What are some examples of well-known historians?

Please look at the names of renowned historians from various nations we have posted outside AAB 1132A.



## ■ What can I do with a History degree?

A history degree opens up a wide range of possibilities. Please visit our information board on the “History Career Options” on the wall opposite AAB 1145.



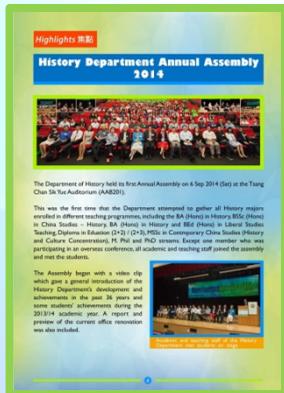
## ■ What kind of academic support can I obtain from the Department?

The “Special Collections and Learning Centre” (AAB 1132) is opened to students from 2pm to 6pm, Mondays through Fridays. The TA/RPg student on duty will be happy to answer any homework questions you may have. You are also welcome to seek help directly from individual professors.



## ■ How will I be informed about what's going on in the Department?

As a member of the Department you will receive an email alert as soon as a new issue of the E-newsletter has been published. Also, you will receive e-mail invitations to all academic activities organized by the Department.



## ■ Will my academic achievements be recognized?

Absolutely. Students with top GPAs within each year group will be automatically considered for different scholarships. Besides, students with cGPA  $\geq 3.40$  will be awarded Certificates of Excellence and students with cGPA 3.30 – 3.39 will receive Certificates of Merit.



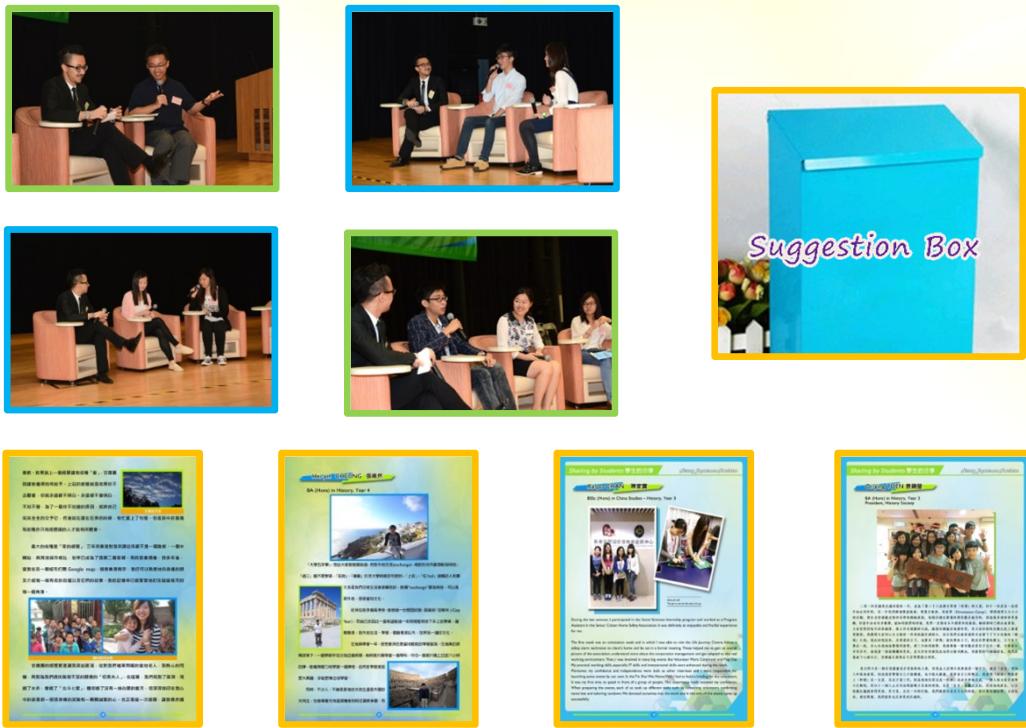
## ■ Will I have a chance to meet all the Department's teachers and my fellow students?

Yes, all History majors enrolled in different programmes will be invited to the History Department Annual Assembly which is held at the beginning of each academic year. All staff members of the Department will attend and a “family picture” will be taken.



## ■ Does the Department care about the voices of students?

Absolutely. An Annual Faculty-student Consultative Meeting will be held in late spring and all students are invited to give comments and express any concerns they may have. Individual students will be invited to share their experiences with staff and fellow students, either verbally at the Annual Assembly or in writing in the E-newsletter. Also, there is a suggestion box in the Department if you prefer to submit comments anonymously.



## ■ Does the Department offer a Minor Programme?

Yes, students are required to take a total of 15 units in order to fulfill the Minor Programme requirement. At the moment there are 49 courses for students to choose from. For more details please visit [histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/degree/minor-4year.pdf](http://histweb.hkbu.edu.hk/degree/minor-4year.pdf).

