Welcome to Hong Kong

The geographical position of Hong Kong, a vibrant world city situated in the Greater Bay Area on the coast of southern China, has made it a gateway between East and West, turning it into one of the world’s most cosmopolitan metropolises. Bi-literacy and tri-lingualism thrive in Hong Kong. Although the majority of the population speaks Chinese as a first language, walking the streets you will hear a medley of Asian and European languages. English is widely spoken, and remains the preferred language of the government, business and tourism sectors. All official signs and public transport announcements, and most menus, are bilingual.

Hong Kong combines a unique East-West heritage with contemporary cosmopolitan living. This thriving metropolis of more than seven million people provides exchange students with a host of eye-opening encounters - from colourful traditional Chinese festivals to the latest business developments in one of the world’s major global financial centres.

Lingnan University offers a stimulating and thought-provoking liberal arts education.

We offer a dedicated liberal arts education in Hong Kong. Our goal is to cultivate in our graduates the skills and sensibilities necessary to successfully pursue their career goals and take their place as socially responsible citizens in today’s rapidly evolving global environment.

Lively and outward-looking, the university is located on an award-winning campus that visually represents our East-West orientation. Courses are offered by the Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, the Core Curriculum and General Education Office, the Office of Service-Learning, the Science Unit and two language centres.

Vision
To excel as a leading Asian liberal arts university with international recognition, distinguished by outstanding teaching, learning, scholarship and community engagement.

Mission
Lingnan University is committed to
~ providing quality whole-person education by combining the best of Chinese and Western liberal arts traditions;
~ nurturing students to achieve all-round excellence and imbuing them with its core values; and
~ encouraging faculties and students to contribute to society through original research and knowledge transfer.

A Top 10 Liberal Arts College in Asia (Forbes, 2015)
A Top 100 University in Asia (QS Asia University Rankings 2018)
Ranked 3rd in the world in “Quality Education” (THE Impact Rankings 2021)
Ranked 1st in “International Faculty”, “Inbound Exchange Students” and “Outbound Exchange Students” (QS Asia University Rankings 2021)
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Students

Diversity

Our aim at Lingnan is to develop a richly diverse on-campus student community. Every year, we have more than 500 degree-seeking and incoming exchange students from all over the world, who together make up around 20% of our undergraduate student population.

Population

Lingnan is the smallest government-funded university in Hong Kong in terms of student population, and Lingnan students thus enjoy the advantages of a small class size and high teacher-student ratio.

Internationalisation at Lingnan
Course and curriculum

As a liberal arts university, Lingnan is fully committed to quality teaching. With the aim of building knowledge across disciplines, our credit-based system allows students to choose from humanities, social sciences, business and science courses. Interactive teaching and learning create opportunities for students to analyse and critically review materials, whilst independent research abilities are also of key importance. Internships, overseas field trips, immersion language studies and co-operative learning offer further insights to students and encourage the exploration of new perspectives.

International recognition

Our business degree programmes are accredited by AACSB International. The introduction of regional, international and intercultural elements have further enriched our curriculum.

Language learning opportunities

Lingnan fosters both Chinese and English, the two official languages of Hong Kong, although English is the University’s medium of instruction (except for some classes inevitably have to be taught in Chinese).

Through the Centre for English and Additional Languages, students can work on their English capabilities to enhance their studies. Courses in other languages, including French, Japanese, Korean and Spanish, are also available.

At the Chinese Language Education and Assessment Centre, student can enrol in Putonghua classes. The centre's instructors are experienced in teaching Putonghua to international students, and Putonghua courses at different levels are available to exchange students.

Infrastructure

Lingnan offers a warm and friendly atmosphere that helps exchange students settle in easily. Most Lingnan students live on campus, and every international student is allocated a room with a local student to enhance understanding of Hong Kong and boost cross-cultural awareness.

Our award-winning campus, located in Tuen Mun, boasts a wide range of facilities and services, including:

- Library with late-night access
- Chinese and Western food outlets
- Olympic-sized swimming pool
- Sports complex and outdoor sports ground
- Courtyard gardens and pavilions

Neighbouring areas offer additional services, shopping and entertainment.
The Lingnan lifestyle

Our liberal arts philosophy means that we pay special attention to campus life at Lingnan. We are the only university in Hong Kong providing 4-year full residency for non-local undergraduates. Many activities revolve around hostel life, including sports, cultural and academic pursuits, which helps students to build friendships. Exchange students also experience this lifestyle by sharing a hostel room with a local roommate.

A peer mentoring programme is available to help both local and international degree students adjust to university life, and our Buddies Scheme assists exchange students in settling in at Lingnan.

Wide range of activities

Student activities are a core part of life at Lingnan, and a wide range of sports facilities and gathering points are available for the numerous societies and clubs that thrive at the university. These activities encompass a wide range from dragon boat racing and lion dancing to rugby, choir and the philosophy exploration.

There is also an array of social activities aiming at facilitating students’ integration, such as Orientation, International Day, the Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival Celebrations, Thanksgiving Dinner, Putonghua learning in hostels, Student Buddies events, host family activities, barbecues and excursion tours.

Integrated learning programmes

Another of Lingnan’s special features is our integrated learning programme, which offers a diverse range of enrichment activities for students in six main areas:

- Aesthetic Development
- Civic Education and Leadership Development
- Intellectual and Entrepreneurship Development
- Physical Fitness and Well-being
- Residential Education
- Social and Emotional Well-being
Community insight

Understanding more about the different people who make up society is a central part of Lingnan’s diverse learning experience. Under the umbrella of ‘Education for Service’, our students participate in a variety of community projects to encourage an all-round socially orientated vision. Such work allows students to meet people from a range of backgrounds, builds organisational and communication capabilities and encourages a culture of care for others.

Lingnan was also the first higher education institution in Hong Kong to offer service-learning programmes. Faculty members work with partners to design programmes that combine service, research and leadership skills, thereby providing a distinctive pathway to student development.

Lingnan aims to excel as a globally recognised liberal arts university. Central to the University’s international profile are its rich and diverse culture and its consciousness of the need to enhance its international character and perspectives.

The interconnecting priorities for our internationalisation activities are to foster our international network, expand our students’ international horizons, actively integrate local and non-local students into our campus, attract more quality non-local students to pursue undergraduate studies at Lingnan and facilitate faculty members’ interaction with international universities and institutions. As a liberal arts university that emphasises its students’ whole-person development, we are working to differentiate the Lingnan student experience as engaging, motivating and globally oriented. The Office of Global Education and Interdisciplinary Studies (OGEIS) provides full support to our innovative Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Global Liberal Arts (to be renamed as Bachelor of Liberal Arts (Honours) in Global Development and Sustainability from 2022/23) and the promotion of other interdisciplinary programmes. Our flourishing interdisciplinary programmes specifically nurture students to develop a forward-looking global vision in various disciplines. Moreover, we strive to pursue excellence and enhance our quality of teaching, learning and research by fostering strategic partnerships with members of the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities (AALAU) and the Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA).

We operate in an international context and this must be reflected in all areas of our University life, from our students and faculty members to our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, as well as our collaborations that transcend national boundaries.
People

- Faculty and instructors: 231
- Undergraduates: 2,956
- Postgraduates: 1,532

Partner Institutions

270+ (over 50 countries/regions)

Bachelor’s degrees

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)
- Animation and Digital Arts
- Chinese
- Contemporary English Studies
- Creative Media Industries
- Cultural Studies

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Global Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons)
- Accounting*
- Business**
- Finance
- Human Resource Management*
- Marketing*
- Risk and Insurance Management

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons)
- Business Psychology
- Economics
- Health and Social Services Management
- International Economy and Politics*
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Psychology with Counselling Psychology Concentration*
- Sociology
- Social and Public Policy Studies

LEO Dr David P. Chan Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Data Science

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Fast facts

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Data of 2021/22 Academic Year

* To be offered from 2022/23
* To be renamed to Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Translation, Cross-cultural Studies and Corporate Communication from 2022/23
*# To be renamed to Bachelor of Liberal Arts (Hons) in Global Development and Sustainability from 2022/23
* To be renamed to Accounting and Corporate Governance; Digital Business**; Human Resource Management and Entrepreneurship; Marketing and Social Media from 2022/23

Academic Calendar

Fall term (1st Semester)
Early September to Late December

Spring term (2nd Semester)
Mid-January to Late May

Summer Term
Late May to August
(Vary from year to year)