Master of Arts in English Studies (MAES) Programme (2020/2021)

(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at http://www.hku.hk/tpg before submitting your application.)

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2020 to read for the degree of Master of Arts (MA) in the field of English 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:

   **Full-time:**
   - First Round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 2, 2019**
   - Second Round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 27, 2020**

   **Part-time:**
   - First Round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 27, 2019**
   - Second Round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 27, 2020**
   - Third Round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), June 30, 2020**

   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
   (i) 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; and
   (ii) a good Bachelor’s degree with a major in English or a closely related subject;

   (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:

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<td>TOEFL: Paper-based test (PBT)</td>
<td>Overall score of 550 with 4 in Test of Written English (TWE); or</td>
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<td>TOEFL: Internet-based test (iBT)</td>
<td>Overall score of 80 with 25 in Writing; or</td>
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   Note: Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.

   (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Application

3. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK$300 per application) should be submitted online at http://www.hku.hk/tpg.

4. Applicants are required to upload the required documents in supporting their application before the application deadline and within four weeks from the date of the creation of their application account. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2021.

5. 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, except for the official score report of TOEFL.
6. Applicants may contact the Faculty Office by email (arts@hku.hk) or by telephone (3917 2733) if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2020.

Regulations and Syllabuses

7. The regulations and syllabuses for the MA programmes can also be viewed at https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2021.

Concurrent Studies

8. 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

9. If you are not a holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, a dependant visa, a work visa or an IANG (Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates) visa, you must obtain a student visa before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted for 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.

Scholarships

10. The School of English is pleased to offer the “Entrance Scholarship for the Master of Arts in English Studies” (a total of seven awards) to outstanding full-time and part-time students admitted in 2020/2021:

   (a) There shall be

   (i) two awards available annually to new students of the Master of Arts in English Studies programme on the basis of academic merit upon admission. Out of the two awards, one shall be for a full-time student and the other for a part-time student. The value of each award shall be equivalent to 50% of the total value of an awardee’s total tuition fee; and

   (ii) up to five awards available annually to new full-time and part-time students of the Master of Arts in English Studies programme on the basis of academic merit upon admission. The value of each award shall be HKD$20,000 (new, subject to the University’s approval).

   (b) In any year when candidates are judged to be of insufficient merit, no awards shall be made.

   (c) Awardees shall not receive any other scholarships concurrently from the University throughout their studies in the Master of Arts in English Studies programme.

   (d) MAES applicants who would like to apply for the Entrance Scholarship shall submit a separate application by completing an application form (available at: https://english.hku.hk/maes.htm) and send it back to the School Office (email: ckconnie@hku.hk) by March 27, 2020.

Programme Website

11. Please visit the programme website for more information (https://english.hku.hk/maes.htm).

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