BASc(AppliedAI) Graduation Requirements and Honours Classification

For students admitted in 2024-25 or before

(a) Award of a BASc(AppliedAI) degree

To be eligible for the award of the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence Degree, students must fulfil the following requirements:

i. Achieved a Graduation GPA of 1.00 or above;
ii. Passed a minimum of 240 credits, comprising 96 credits of the required courses of the Applied Artificial Intelligence major as prescribed in the degree of BASc(AppliedAI) curriculum, and 18 credits of BASc core courses[+]; and
iii. Satisfied the requirements in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula[#], and specified in AAI 4(a).

[+] The BASc core courses for BASc(AppliedAI) comprise of:
(a) BASC9001 Approaching Interdisciplinarity: Knowledge Beyond Disciplines (previous title: Foundations of human knowledge) (6 credits);
(b) DESN9001 Leadership beyond borders (6 credits) (for 2019 intake only) OR
DESN9002 Sustainable leadership (6 credits) (for 2019 – 2024 intakes) OR
BASC9002 Interdisciplinary Leadership and Sustainable Development (6 credits) (for those not yet completed DESN9002 only); and
(c) STAT1015 Introduction to data science (6 credits) (for 2019 – 2020 intakes only) OR
STAT1005 Essential skills for undergraduates: Foundations of Data Science (6 credits) (for 2019 – 2022 intakes only) OR
STAT1016 Data Science 101 (6 credits) (for those not yet completed STAT1015 or STAT1005, or for 2023 – 2024 intakes only)

[#] UG5 Requirements for graduation[1]:
Students are required to successfully complete 36 credits of University requirements for graduation, comprising:
(a) 6 credits in an English in the Discipline course [i.e. CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Statistical Sciences (previous title: Professional and Technical Communication for Mathematical Sciences) (taken in Year 2)];
(b) 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement[2] [i.e. CSCI9001 Practical Chinese for Science Students (taken in Year 3)];
(c) 24 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising one course from each Area of Inquiry (normally taken within Years 1-3); and
(d) any other non-credit bearing courses as required.

(b) Honours Classification

Classification of honours are calculated using the graduation grade point average GGPA as below:

	GGPA range
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours Division I	3.00 – 3.59
Second Class Honours Division II	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass*	1.00 – 1.69

* Students with fewer than half total credits letter-graded will be awarded a pass degree with no honours classification.

Credits granted for advanced standing in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the University and credits transfer in recognition of studies completed on exchange during candidature at HKU are not included in the calculation of GPA.

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[1] Candidates who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), or equivalent[3], are exempted from taking "CAES1000 Core University English". In exceptional circumstances, strong candidates who have achieved Level 4 may be considered for admission to the curriculum but they will be required to take "CAES1000 Core University English" as supplementary credits and complete 246 credits for graduation from the University.

[2] Students are required to successfully complete the 6-credit Faculty-specific Chinese language enhancement course, except for:

(a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003 (Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students) or CUND9001 (Basic Spoken and Written Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter) or CUND9004 (Practical Applied Chinese Writing & Effective Presentation Skills for Non-local Mandarin Speaking Students) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter). They may take the course in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish; and

(b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and

(i) take a 6-credit Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR

(ii) take an elective course in lieu.

[3] **A list of qualifications recognized as equivalent to achieving Level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language Examination**:

- holder of a Bachelor's degree from an English-medium university
- achieved Grade A or above in English Language **GCE Advanced Level (AL)** / **Advanced Subsidiary Level (ASL)**
- achieved an overall **IELTS** score of no less than 7 **AND** with all sub-scores no less than 6.5 on the Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing Tests
- achieved an overall **TOEFL Internet-based test** score of no less than 94 **AND** no less than a 24 on the writing, a 20 on the speaking, a 20 on the listening, AND a 19 on the reading sections
- achieved in **International Baccalaureate (IB)** Grade 4 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL)
- achieved Grade 4 or above on the **Advanced Placement (AP) English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition Test**
- achieved a **NEW Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** score of 35 or above on both the Writing & Language Test and Reading Test (from 2016)
- achieved Grade B or above in H1 General Paper at the **Singapore GCE A-level**
- achieved Grade A or better in English language at **Malaysia SPM examination**
- achieved Grade A2 or better in **Malaysia UEC-Senior English Language**
- attained merit (3 points) or above in each set of credits in **New Zealand NCEA Literacy** (10 credits made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing)
- achieved a score of 95% or better in English at **All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Higher School Certificate**
- achieved a final score of 90% or better in English at **Grade 12 Canadian high school curriculum**
- achieved Grade B or better in English Language at **Sri Lanka Ordinary examination**
- achieved a score of 90 or better in English in the **Russian Unified State Exam** (Единый государственный экзамен, ЕГЭ, Yediniy gosudarstvenniy ekzamen, EGE)
- **Academic Speaking and Writing test conducted by CAES** for students who have not taken any of the above tests
  - *When applying to take the Academic Speaking and Writing Test, students should provide evidence to their Faculties and the CAES1000 Course Coordinator that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications **other than** those included in the above list.*
  - *Applicants are required to show **the evidence of those other qualifications** to the assessor on the day of the Academic Speaking and Writing Test.*
  - *If any applicants fail to provide any evidence that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications other than those included in the above list provided by CAES, the CAES assessor has the rights not to allow the applicant to take the test.*
  - *The test takes place annually in August. If a student fails to meet the application deadline, they will not have another chance to take the test, as no alternative test dates will be provided.*
  - *The test is conducted face-to-face. There will be no alternative testing methods available for applicants.*

Please note that:

- **Optional students can only take the course during their first year of studies.**
- **JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 3 or Level 4 are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after the admission to the University will NOT be considered.**

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL which is achieved within 2 years before admission to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

- **Re-admitted students with combined HKDSE results with a level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language examination, irrespective of the year they took the exam, will be eligible for exemption from CAES1000.**
- **Students admitted through the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) are allowed to use results of HKDSE English Language Level 5 or above to get CAES1000 exemption. However, these students are not allowed to use any other equivalent qualifications to get exemption.**