BASc(AppliedAI) Degree Regulations

For students admitted to the first year in the academic year 2024-25 or before.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Definitions

AAI 1 In these Regulations, and in the Syllabuses for the degree of BASc(AppliedAI), unless the context otherwise requires

'Course' means a course of study, with a credit value expressed as a number of credit-units as specified in the syllabus.

'Credits' means the value assigned to each course to indicate its study load relative to the total load under a degree curriculum. The study load refers to the hours of student learning activities and experiences, both within and outside the classrooms, and includes contact hours and time spent on assessment tasks and examinations.

'Pre-requisite' means a course or a group of courses which candidates must have completed successfully or a requirement which candidates must have fulfilled before being permitted to take the course in question.

This regulation should be read in conjunction with UG 1 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

Admission to the degree

AAI 2 To be eligible for admission to the degree of BASc(AppliedAI), candidates shall

(a) comply with the General Regulations;

(b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and

(c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with these regulations and the syllabuses.

Period of study

AAI 3 The curriculum shall normally require eight semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than four academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of six academic years, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Curriculum requirements and progression in curriculum

AAI 4

(a) Candidates shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula[1], except that in the case of the Common Core Curriculum, 24 credits shall be required, comprising one course from each Area of Inquiry. Specific requirements are spelt out in the syllabuses.

(b) Candidates shall complete not fewer than 240 credits of courses.

(c) Candidates shall successfully complete not fewer than 96 credits of courses for the major, including 66 credits of core courses, 18-24 credits of disciplinary electives, 6-12 credits of capstone experience requirement.

(d) Candidates shall successfully complete 18 credits of BASc core courses.

(e) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the final semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements may be fewer than 24 credits.

(f) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 288 credits for the normative period of study specified in AAI 3, save as provided for under AAI 4(g).

(g) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 432 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in AAI 3.

Selection of courses

AAI 5 Candidates who wish to change their selection of courses at the beginning of each semester may do so up to 2 weeks after the commencement of the semester. Requests for changes beyond the 2-week deadline will not be permitted, except for medical or other reasons accepted by the Board of the Faculty, and candidates' withdrawal from any course without permission will result in a fail grade.

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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, 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.

Assessment

AAI 6 Candidates shall be assessed in each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG 8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

AAI 7 Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner

(a) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or

(b) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or

(c) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or

(d) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

AAI 8 Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.

AAI 9 There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

Discontinuation of studies

AAI 10 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:

(a) failed to complete 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or

(b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or

(c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AAI 3.

Absence from examination

AAI 11 Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examinations of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the first semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall normally be made on the form prescribed within seven calendar days of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

Advanced standing

AAI 12 Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies successfully completed before admission to the University in accordance with UG 2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Advanced credits shall not normally be included in the calculation of the GPA unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

Credit transfer

AAI 13 Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty, transfer credits for courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits may be recorded in the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

Award of the degree

AAI 14 To be eligible for award of the degree of BASc(AppliedAI), candidates shall have

(a) achieved a Graduation GPA of 1.00 or above;

(b) 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(Applied AI) curriculum, and 18 credits of BASc core courses; and

(c) satisfied the requirements in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula, and specified in AAI 4(a).

Honours classification

AAI 15

(a) Honours classification shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Graduation GPA (GGPA) scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values:

Class of honours	*GGPA range*
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

(b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in AAI 15(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

(c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.