

FAQs on Advanced Standing

1. How can I seek an advanced standing of courses I successfully completed in my previous study?

If you wish to seek an advanced standing for the studies completed prior to admission to the curriculum (normally at post HKDSE or equivalent standard), you are required to submit the completed form 'Application for Granting of Advanced Standing' (downloadable from the Faculty website <https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4>), with supporting documents attached, to the Faculty Office by the deadline specified in your Student Handbook. Application should be made before the commencement of your first year of study. Any late application and application made in subsequent years of studies will not be considered.

If you apply for an advanced standing of the specified courses in different disciplines (e.g. Science, Arts, Business, Engineering or Social Sciences), your application should still be processed via the Faculty of Science Office. Upon receipt of your application, we will seek comments from the relevant course offering departments for further consideration by the Dean. You will be informed of your application result, by mail, in due course.

2. Can I take the course at the University if I have already been granted the advanced standing credits of such course in recognition of my previous study?

You are not permitted to take the course, for which you have been granted advanced standing credits in recognition of your previous study prior to admission to the curriculum.

3. Can I apply/re-apply for advanced standing after the first year of study?

If you wish to seek an advanced standing for the studies completed prior to admission to the curriculum, you are required to submit the completed form 'Application for Granting of Advanced Standing' to the Faculty Office before the commencement of your first year of study, with all supporting documents attached, by the deadline specified in your Student Handbook.

Any late application and application made in subsequent years of studies will not be considered.

4. Will credits granted for advanced standing be included in the calculation of GPA?

No. Credits granted for advanced standing will be recorded on the transcript but shall not be included in the calculation of GPA.