

Common Core Course List (Last update: 19 May 2026)

(30-credit Common Core Program for Students Admitted from 2022-23 Onward)

Common Core Course with Subject Area Prefix from 2023-24 ²	Course Title	Credit	Common Core Area	Remarks	Previous Common Core Course Code with "CORE" Prefix In 2022-23 ¹			
					Fall 2022-23	Winter 2022-23	Spring 2022-23	Summer 2022-23
Courses in Broadening Group								
AMCC 2010	Digital Audio Workstation Composition	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
AMCC 2020	Coding for Artistic Expression and Creation	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
COMP 1943	Creative Sound and Video Design	3	A, T		--		CORE 1233	
HUMA 1100	Music of the World	3	A		--		CORE 1631 [#]	
HUMA 1102	Enjoyment of Classical Music	3	A		--		CORE 1632 [#]	
HUMA 1108	Expressive Sounds	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Spring.	--			
HUMA 1109	Understanding Music in Context	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
HUMA 1110	Improvisational Artists Lab	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
HUMA 1150	Exploration of Drawing	3	A		--		CORE 1660 [#]	
HUMA 1154	Photography	3	A		--		CORE 1666 [#]	
HUMA 1155	Video Art	3	A		--		CORE 1667 [#]	
HUMA 1156	Exploration of Chinese Calligraphy	3	A		--		CORE 1669 [#]	
HUMA 1157	Introduction to Acting and Public Speaking	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Summer.	--			
HUMA 1160	Weiqi and Chinese Culture	1	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
HUMA 1210	Chinese Women on Screen	3	A, H		--		CORE 1601 [#]	
HUMA 1231	Popular Culture of East Asia	3	A		--		CORE 1602 [#]	
HUMA 1301	World Literature and Film	3	A		--		CORE 1603 [#]	
HUMA 1650	Appreciation of Western Art	3	A, H		--			
HUMA 1660	Introduction to Chinese Art	3	A, H		--		CORE 1651 [#]	
			C-Comm	From 2014-15 Fall to 2024-25 Summer				
HUMA 1671	Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong Culture	3	A, H		--		CORE 1661 [#]	
HUMA 1672	Studio Arts Workshops: Cantonese Opera	1	A		--		CORE 1662 [#]	
HUMA 1673	Art and Digital Culture	3	A		--		CORE 1668 [#]	
HUMA 2101	Enjoyment of Western Opera	3	A		--		CORE 2631 [#]	
HUMA 2104	Music Theory I: Introduction to Tonal Music	3	A		--		CORE 2632 [#]	
HUMA 2105	Music, Drama, and Theatre	3	A		--		CORE 2633 [#]	
HUMA 2107	Introduction to Electronic Music Composition	3	A		--		CORE 2634 [#]	
HUMA 2108	Music of China	3	A		--		CORE 2635 [#]	
HUMA 2109	East Asian Popular Music	3	A, H		--			
HUMA 2110	Understanding Algorithms and Computation through Music	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Spring.	--			

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HUMA 2202	The Japanese Novel	3	A, H	The course title was <i>The Modern Japanese Novel</i> before 2024-25 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2203	Japanese Cinema	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Fall.	--			
HUMA 2204	Japanese Science Fiction	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Fall.	--			
HUMA 2205	Asian Cinema, Global Cinema	3	A, H	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2240	Reading Chinese Literature: Dreams of the Red Chamber	3	A		--		CORE 2601 [#]	
HUMA 2300	Traditional Chinese Poetry: Early Chinese Poetry	3	A, H		--		CORE 2604 [#]	
HUMA 2330	Anime	3	A, H		--		CORE 2606 [#]	
HUMA 2331	Japanese Animation: Technology, Gender, and History	3	A, H	The course title was <i>Media Theories of Japanese Animation</i> before 2024-25 Spring.	--			
HUMA 2340	Between Old and New: Chinese Stories and Their Reinventions	3	A		--		CORE 2607 [#]	
HUMA 2660	Introduction to Chinese Painting	3	A, H	From 2014-15 Fall to 2024-25 Summer.	--		CORE 2651 [#]	
			C-Comm					
HUMA 2661	Chinese Oil Painting	3	A, H		--		CORE 2652 [#]	
HUMA 2670	Understanding Western Painting	3	A, H		--			
HUMA 3201	Animation: A Global Perspective	3	A, H		--		CORE 2654 [#]	
HUMA 3220	Modern Chinese Poetry	3	A		--		CORE 3603 [#]	
HUMA 3660	Tradition & Modernity: Chinese Ink Painting in 20th Century	3	A, H		--		CORE 3651 [#]	
HUMA 3680	Contemporary Architecture: The Pritzker Prize Winners	3	A, H		--			
ISDN 2110	From Ideas to Assets: Practice of the Creative Economy System	3	A	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			

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Notes:

- In 2022-23, all common core courses for the 30-credit Common Core Program were assigned a "CORE" prefix. Starting from 2023-24, this prefix has been removed, and common core courses have been coded according to their subject area code (e.g., "ACCT" for Accounting). Students should pay attention to the following for study plan and before enrolling in classes:
 - Students who took any "CORE" courses in 2022-23 can still use them to fulfill the corresponding common core area requirements. However, they cannot retake the same course with the corresponding subject area code. For example, if students completed CORE 1240 Electronic and Information Technology in 2022-23, they can use it to fulfill the Technology (T) area requirement; but they cannot retake the same course using the subject area code ELEC 1010 Electronic and Information Technology in subsequent terms.
 - If students took a course in 2022-23 that does not have a "CORE" prefix, they cannot use it to fulfill any common core requirements. For example, credits earned from SOSC 1850 Understanding Society in 2022-23 cannot count toward the Social Analysis (SA) area requirement.
 - Students can use the "CORE" course to fulfill EITHER common core OR School/major requirements, but not both.

Remarks:

The subject area codes are the alternate code of the CORE codes. For example, HUMA 1150 is the alternate code for CORE 1660. In 2022-23, students cannot use courses with subject area prefix (e.g., HUMA 1150) to fulfill any common core requirements. However, starting from 2023-24, students can use subject area-coded course (e.g., HUMA 1150) to fulfill EITHER the common core requirement OR the School/major requirement, but not both.

- It is important to note that certain major/minor programs may include common core courses as required or elective courses. While these courses can fulfill relevant major/minor requirements, students should be aware of the credit reuse rules specified by individual programs. Credits from some of these common core courses may only be used to fulfill EITHER the common core requirements OR the major/minor requirements, but not both. Please refer to the program catalog or consult your major/minor departments for details.

Common Core Areas

HAIC: Human-AI Co-Creation and Data Literacy (for 2026-27 cohort); CTDL: Critical Thinking and Data Literacy; HMW: Habits, Mindsets, and Wellness; E-Comm: English Communication; C-Comm: Chinese Communication; A: Arts; H: Humanities; S: Science; T: Technology; SA: Social Analysis; SUS: Sustainability (from 2025-26 cohort); UxOP: Undergraduate experiential Opportunities Programs