

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								
ACCT 1010	Accounting, Business and Society	3	SA		--			CORE 1310 [#]
ECON 1220	Thinking like an Economist I: Microeconomics	3	SA			--		
ECON 1221	Thinking like an Economist II: Macroeconomics	3	SA			--		
ECON 1222	What Economics Tells Us About Our Life and Social Policy	3	SA			--		
EMIA 1902	Digital Information Governance in the AI Era	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.		--		
ENVR 1080	The Smart Consumer - Uncovering the Hidden Story behind the Product Label	3	SA		--			CORE 1943 [#]
			SUS	From 2025-26 Fall for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.		--		
ENVR 2050	Sustainability Thinking	3	SA		--			CORE 2942 [#]
			SUS	From 2025-26 Fall for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.		--		
ENVR 2060	From Trash to Treasure: Transforming Waste into Resources	3	SA	The course title was <i>From Trash to Treasure: Managing Waste to Resources</i> before 2024-25 Summer.	--			CORE 2943 [#]
			SUS	From 2025-26 Fall for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.		--		
FINA 1303	Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions	3	SA		--			CORE 1330 [#]
HUMA 1622	Science, Technology and Society: Historical and Cultural Approaches	3	H, SA			--		
ISOM 1090	Social Media: Collective Intelligence & Creativity	3	SA		--			CORE 1341 [#]
			T	From 2025-26 Summer.		--		
ISOM 1380	Technology and Innovation: Social and Business Perspectives	3	SA		--			CORE 1340 [#]
			T	From 2025-26 Summer.		--		
ISOM 1400	Digital Philanthropy: Harnessing Technology for Social Changes and Beyond	3	T, SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Summer.		--		
ISOM 1500	Insightful Decisions	3	SA			--		
ISOM 1700	Critical Issues in Business Operations	3	SA			--		
			SUS	From 2025-26 Winter for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.		--		
ISOM 2030	Business Protections for Innovations	3	SA			--		
ISOM 2310	Fundamentals of E-Commerce: Business, Technology, and the Society	3	SA		--			CORE 1343 [#]
			T	From 2025-26 Summer.		--		
ISOM 2400	Global Information Infrastructure and Policy	3	T, SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2023-24 Winter.		--		
MARK 1220	Marketing and Society	3	SA		--			CORE 1360 [#]
			SUS	From 2025-26 Spring for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.		--		
MGMT 1110	Introduction to Management	3	SA		--			CORE 1371 [#]
MGMT 1120	Developing the Leader in You	3	SA			--		
MGMT 1130	Traps and Pitfalls in Judgment and Decision Making	3	SA		--			CORE 1373 [#]

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PPOL 1110	Public Policy in Cases	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2024-25 Spring.	--			
PPOL 1120	Public Policy for a Healthy Society	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
PPOL 1130	Introduction to Global Public Policy Through Film	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2025-26 Spring.	--			
PPOL 2110	Science, Technology and Society in China	3	SA		--	CORE 2940		
PPOL 2320	Experiments in Power: Why We Make the Rules We Make	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
RMBI 1010	Risk Management in Financial Institutions	3	SA		--			
SOSC 1190	China and the World: China's Development in Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3	SA		--			
SOSC 1270	International Law	3	SA		--	CORE 1770 [#]		
SOSC 1300	The World of Politics	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
SOSC 1309	Making Sense of Government and Politics	3	SA		--	CORE 1710		
SOSC 1350	Contemporary China: Continuity and Change	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
SOSC 1359	China: Development and Transformations	3	SA		--	CORE 1730		
SOSC 1400	Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area	3	SA		--	CORE 1740 [#]		
SOSC 1420	Poverty	3	SA		--	CORE 1720 [#]		
SOSC 1449	Understanding Our Economy	3	SA		--	CORE 1810		
SOSC 1470	The Economic and Political Development of Modern Japan	3	SA		--			
SOSC 1662	Contemporary Hong Kong Society	3	SA		--	CORE 1862 [#]		
SOSC 1700	What Is Democracy?	3	SA		--			
SOSC 1780	Population and Development in China	3	SA		--	CORE 1780 [#]		
SOSC 1840	Government, Law and Society in China	3	SA		--	CORE 1840 [#]		
SOSC 1859	Exploring Society	3	SA		--	CORE 1850		
SOSC 1860	Population and Society	3	SA		--	CORE 1860 [#]		
SOSC 1960	Introduction to Psychology	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
SOSC 1969	Discovering Mind and Behavior	3	SA		--			
SOSC 1980	Psychology of Personal Growth	3	SA	This is a common core course with effect from 2026-27 Fall.	--			
SOSC 2130	Education and Society	3	SA		--	CORE 2730 [#]		
SOSC 2299	The Rise and Fall of Globalization	3	SA		--			
SOSC 2330	Environmental Politics and Policy	3	SA		--	CORE 2830 [#]		
SOSC 2740	Gender and Society	3	SA		--	CORE 2740 [#]		
SOSC 3001	Understanding China, 1700-2000: A Data Analytic Approach	3	SA		--	CORE 3701 [#]		
SOSC 3130	Hong Kong Culture	3	SA		--	CORE 3730 [#]		
SOSC 3240	Application of Geographical Information Systems	3	SA		--	CORE 3740 [#]		
SOSC 3520	Understanding Comparative Politics	3	SA		--			

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SOSC 3630	Democracy and Democratization around the World	3	SA		--			CORE 3863 [#]
SOSC 3880	Social Inequality and Social Mobility	3	SA		--	CORE 3880 [#]		
SUST 1010	Introduction to Sustainability	3	SUS	From 2025-26 Fall for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.	--			
			T, SA	From 2022-23 Spring to 2024-25 Summer.	--	CORE 1940		
SUST 1101	Environmental, Social, and Governance Fundamentals	3	SUS	From 2025-26 Fall for 2025-26 and 2026-27 cohorts.	--			
			SA	From 2024-25 Spring to 2024-25 Summer.				

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

- 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