



Applied Learning Courses

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Introduction



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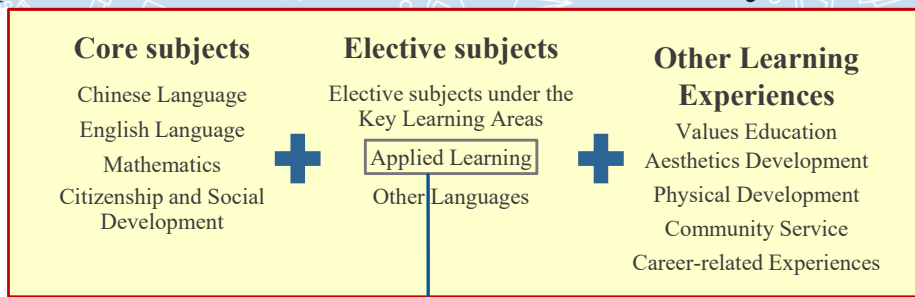
The School Curriculum Framework

Learning to Learn 2+ — The Hong Kong School Curriculum

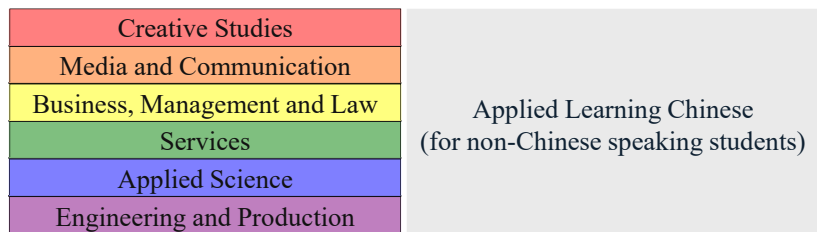


Note:
The major renewed emphases of primary and secondary school curricula cover: values education, good use of learning time, STEAM education and media and information literacy (MIL), etc.

Components of the Senior Secondary Curriculum



Six Areas of Studies



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應用學習課程一覽表
(2024-26 年級 / 2026 年香港中學文憑考試)
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課程類別 Area of Studies	課程編號 Course Cluster	課程名稱 Course Name	課程語言 Course Language	課程詳情 Course Details	課程編號 Course Cluster	課程名稱 Course Name	課程語言 Course Language	課程詳情 Course Details
設計學 Design Studies	676	時尚設計 Fashion Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English	610	健康護理學 Health Care Studies	CCSE	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	688	印刷與包裝設計 Printer and Packaging Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English	680	醫療護理學 Medical Laboratory Science	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	717	數碼印刷—零售設計 Journey Design in Digital Age	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English	713	護理護理學 Nursing Care Practice	CCSE	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	650	電腦插畫及動畫設計 Computer Games and Animation Design	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English	681	心理學 Psychology	LFPE	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	707	高級插畫設計與製作 Digital Comic Design and Production	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English	682	實用心理學 Practical Psychology	HMSJ (SPICE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	710	流行音樂製作 Popular Music Production	HKCT	中文 Chinese	674	體育及康樂輔導 Athletic and Fitness Coaching	HKCT	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	690	音樂編排—樂曲編排 Writing in Chinese and English	HKAPA	中文 Chinese	627	運動科學及健康 Sports Science and Health Fitness	HMSJ (SPICE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	677	高級編排—戲院編排 The Essentials of Theatre Arts	HKAPA	中文 Chinese	712	數碼建造 Digital Construction	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	711	數碼編排及製作 Digital Music and Music Production	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English	683	機械及能源工程 Mechanical and Energy Engineering	VTC	中文或英文 Chinese or English
	708	數碼編排及製作 Digital Music and Music Production	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English	713	人工智能與機械 Artificial Intelligence and Robotics	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
影視、傳媒及公共關係 Media Production and Public Relations	718	影視編排 Video Production	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English	684	電腦網絡技術 Computer Network Technology	HMSJ (SPACE)	中文或英文 Chinese or English
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Area of Studies	Course Cluster	No. of courses
Creative Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Studies Media Arts Performing Arts 	8
Media and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Films, TV and Broadcasting Studies Media Production and Public Relations Language and Culture 	14
Business, Management and Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting and Finance Business Studies Legal Studies 	7
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Services and Management Hospitality Services Personal and Community Services 	10
Applied Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Science Medical Science and Health Care Psychology Sports 	9
Engineering and Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Information Engineering Services Engineering 	8
Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)		3
	Total no. of courses	59

Applied Learning : Learning through Doing



Taking a Chance on Dance
Learning through performing on stage



Film and Transmedia
Learning through filming



Marketing and Online Promotion
Learning from sharing by practitioners



Pâtisserie and Café Operations
Learning through making pâtisserie



Exercise and Fitness Coaching
Learning through playing sports



Aviation Studies
Learning in the flight simulator

ApL — A Valued Senior Secondary Elective Subject

- Focuses on practical learning elements linked to **broad professional and vocational fields with dual emphasis on theory and practice**
- Develops students' **knowledge, generic skills, proper values and attitudes** through providing simulated or authentic contexts, as well as enhance students' understanding of vocational and professional education and training (VPET), preparing them for further studies and work in future
- **ApL is NOT pre-vocational training**



ApL — A Valued Senior Secondary Elective Subject (Cont.)

- **Complements other senior secondary subjects** to form a flexible subject combination that helps enrich students' subject choices to cater for learner diversity
- The duration of ApL course is **180 contact hours**;
The duration of Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) (“ApL(C)”) course is 270 contact hours
- **Category B subjects** of the HKDSE Examination
- ApL courses are **developed by course providers and delivered by tutors** recognised by the course providers
- There is **no public examination** for ApL subjects. Assessments are conducted by course providers while HKEAA is responsible for moderation of assessment results



Recognition

- The reporting of students' performance in ApL subjects is by three levels

Attained with Distinction (II)

(deemed comparable to **Level 4 or above** of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination)

Attained with Distinction (I)

(deemed comparable to **Level 3** of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination)

Attained

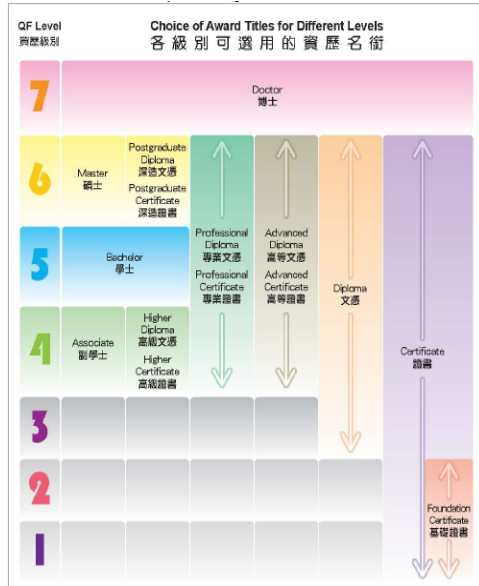
- For ApL(C), students' performance is reported as “Attained” and “Attained with Distinction”.



Recognition (Cont.)

- In addition to the HKDSE qualification, students who have successfully completed ApL courses that are registered in the Qualifications Register (as certificate programmes at QF Level 3) will obtain **QF certificates** issued by the course providers.
- ApL(C) is pegged at QF Level 1 to Level 3, whereas ApL(VocE) is pegged at QF Level 2 to Level 3.** Students taking ApL(C) / ApL(VocE) will obtain the respective QF certificate(s) issued by the course providers upon meeting the assessment and attendance requirements of different QF levels of the courses.

Qualifications Framework (QF)



Category A and Category B Elective Subjects

	Category A (KLA Subjects)	Category B (ApL Subjects)
Learning content	Around 20 subjects under different key learning areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 60 courses under 6 Areas of Studies Focus on practical learning elements linked to broad professional and vocational fields Dual emphasis on theory and practice
Lesson time	250 hours	180 hours
Mode of assessment	Public examination	No public examination
Reporting of students' performance	Level 1 to 5**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained Attained with Distinction (I) Attained with Distinction (II)

Further Studies

All along, student admission in tertiary institutions has followed the principle of institutional autonomy.

Undergraduate programmes

- Tertiary institutions in general value the learning experiences that students acquire in ApL.
- ApL subjects are recognised as **elective subjects, or considered for award of extra bonus or additional information**, varying by individual institutions, faculties or programmes.

Sub-degree programmes

- Students with **Level 2 or above in five HKDSE subjects (including Chinese Language and English Language)** are eligible to apply for admission to Associate Degree / Higher Diploma programmes. In general, each student is allowed to use up to a maximum of two ApL subjects in the application.

ApL(C)

- For the purpose of admission to post-secondary education programmes, ApL(C) is in general **accepted as an alternative Chinese Language qualification, but it is not considered an elective subject**. Currently, University Grants Committee-funded universities and most post-secondary institutions accept ApL(C) as an alternative qualification in Chinese Language for the admission of NCS students with “**Attained**” as the minimum grade required.



For Work

The Civil Service Bureau

- accepts students' ApL results in the HKDSE (including “Attained” and “Attained with Distinction”, up to **a maximum of two ApL subjects**) in civil service appointments
- accepts “Attained” and “Attained with Distinction” in ApL(C) as **meeting the Chinese language proficiency requirements of relevant civil service ranks**



Taking Applied Learning Courses



How long does an ApL course last? Which year level of students can apply for the ApL courses?

- In general, each course spans two years at the senior secondary level
 - Application at S3: Commencing at S4 (to be completed at S5)
 - Application at S4: Commencing at S5 (to be completed at S6)

How ApL lessons are arranged?

- Schools may adopt the following two non-exclusive modes in implementing ApL courses to suit their school contexts:
 - **Mode 1:** Lessons are held mainly at the venues of course providers on Saturdays and are taught by the tutors who are recognised by the course providers
 - **Mode 2:** Schools offering ApL courses on their own. Lessons can be held on weekdays or Saturdays and are taught by the tutors who are recognised by the course providers. Subject to the facilities and equipment required for the individual courses, lessons can be held in schools offering ApL courses and/or at the venues of the course providers

Remarks: The ApL courses and year levels to be offered are subject to school's decision.

How do students choose ApL courses?

- Students should have some ideas of the learning content and assessment requirements of the ApL courses before making a decision to take them as elective subjects
- Students should choose suitable ApL courses in accordance with their **interests and aspirations**

Do students need to pay the course fees for ApL courses?

- Students in aided, government and caput schools, schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme and special schools with senior secondary classes studying the senior secondary curriculum prepared by the Curriculum Development Council and published for use in schools by the EDB will be fully subsidised by the EDB to take ApL courses

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Application Procedures

- ApL courses for the 2024-26 cohort are 2026 HKDSE subjects
- Students intending to take ApL courses for the 2024-26 cohort (i.e. the cohort of students sitting the 2026 HKDSE) can commence their study at S4 in the 2023/24 school year (remarks: relevant application procedures had been completed and the courses had commenced in September / October 2023) or commence their study at S5 in the 2024/25 school year (students should submit application via schools from 23 February 2024 to 2 April 2024)
- **Students must apply through their school.** Each student can take a maximum of **TWO** ApL courses as elective subjects throughout his/ her studies at the senior secondary level (NCS students meeting specified circumstances (see remarks) can also take one ApL(C) course)

Remarks: Students who have learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education; or students who have learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in local schools.

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ApL Courses-related Activities, Reference Materials and Publicity



Taster Programmes of ApL

- Course introduction, demonstration and workshops will be provided by course providers to enable students to **experience the learning of ApL courses and ApL(C) courses**; and provide students with **a taste of the related industries / professions**.



Promotional Materials and Activities



Posters



Prospectus



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Virtual Exhibition



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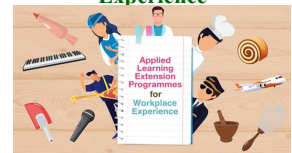
ApL graduates' success stories



Taster Programmes of Applied Learning



Applied Learning Extension Programmes for Workplace Experience



ApL Stickers



Success Stories of Graduates



Name of student

ApL course

1	Angela	Medical Laboratory Science
2	Eric	Film and Video
3	Frances	Introduction to Theatre Arts
4	Henry	Western Cuisine
5	Benny	Railway Studies
6	Kyle	Health Care Practice





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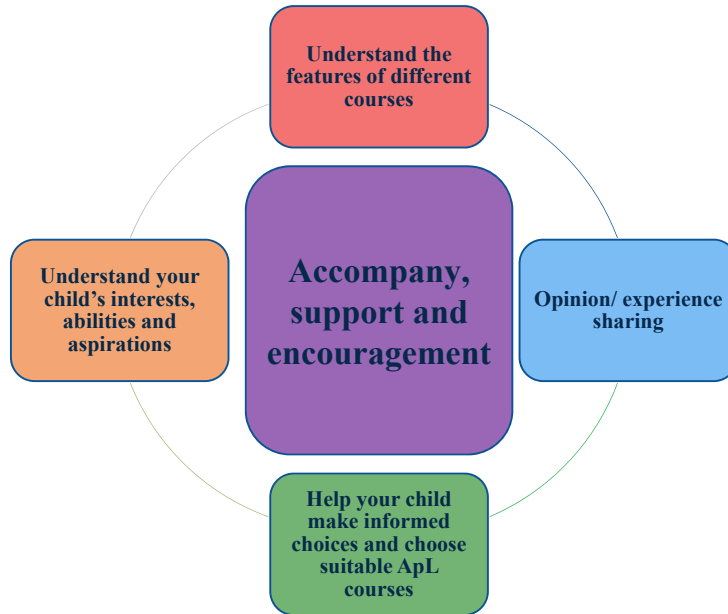
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