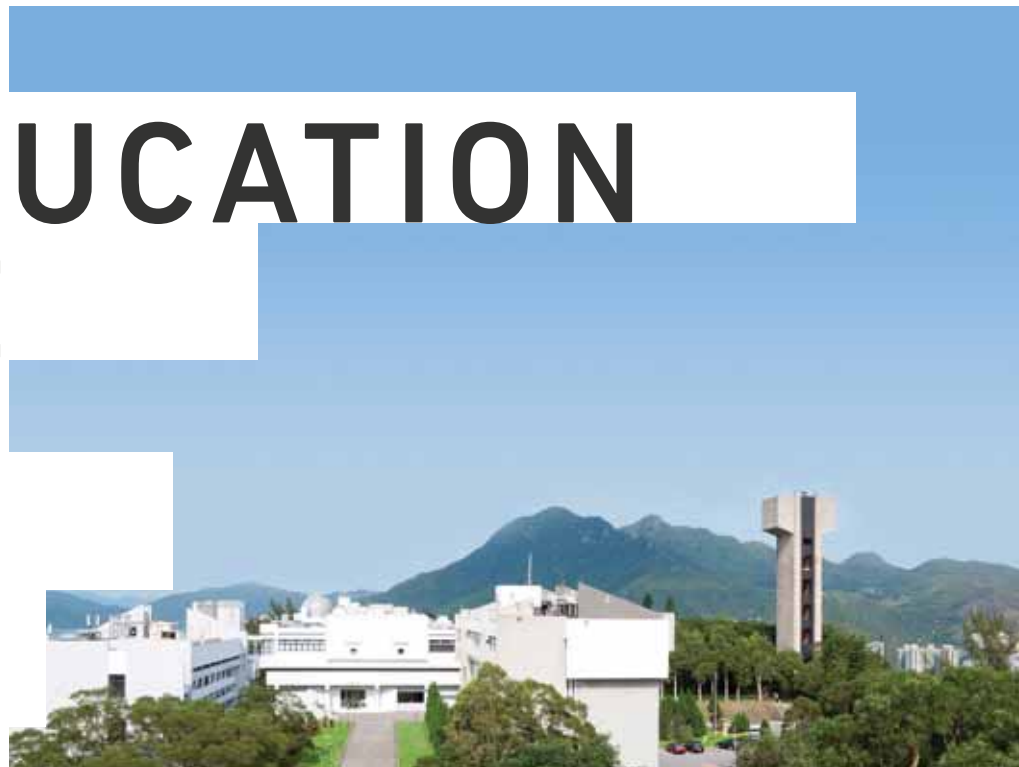




GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN NEW ASIA COLLEGE



Abstract

College general education is regarded as a key component of the holistic university education. The general education programme of New Asia College is aimed to allow students to understand and appreciate Chinese culture and the spirit of New Asia College, to develop inter-cultural sensitivity and appreciate different cultures and social issues in a global context, and to promote personal growth as a responsible human being. This 6-credits programme includes two compulsory courses in Year 1, and one elective in senior years. In addition, non-credit-bearing learning opportunities, such as assemblies, overseas learning tours, and various co-curricular activities, are offered to help students to adapt to university life and appreciate essential characteristics of university learning. A collegiate environment is provided that promotes interaction among students and teachers from different academic disciplines and cultural backgrounds.

A Brief History of New Asia College



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New Asia College was founded in 1949 at a time of extreme adversity by Mr. Ch'ien Mu and other scholars from mainland China. Their objective was to establish an educational institution which combines the essence of the scholarship of the Song and Ming academies and the tutorial system of Western universities. With humanism as its basis, the College also aimed to facilitate cultural exchanges between East and West and to promote peace and well-being of the human race.

Curriculum Outcomes

Graduates who have taken the general education courses offered by the New Asia College will be able to:

- understand and appreciate Chinese cultural heritage and the spirit of New Asia College.
- develop inter-cultural sensitivity and appreciate different cultures and social issues in a global context.
- adapt to university life and appreciate essential characteristics of university learning.
- apply good communication skills and work in interdisciplinary teams.

Curriculum Structure

All New Asia students are required to take two compulsory courses, namely GENA1112 "Aspects of General Education" and GENA1113 "Student-oriented Teaching and Seminar" in their first year of study and take one additional elective course in the following years. The elective courses are offered by various teaching departments and administered by the College GE office.

GENA1112

"Aspects of General Education"

The basic objective of the course is to broaden the horizon of first year students of New Asia College. Adopting an ecological model, topics related to the developmental contexts of university students, including cultural system, societal system, school system and personal system are introduced in the course. Students taking this course will be able to

Topics in 2014/15

Gender and Sexuality: Living with Diversity in our Everyday Lives	Ms. Yvonne Luk
Introduction to Library and Information Science	Mr. Ma Fai Hung
The Brief History and Spirit of NA	Prof. Lee Hok Ming
Experiencing Architecture	Prof. Ho Puay Peng
Leadership Skill	Mr. Dick M.K. Lee
Mental Health of University Students	Prof. Wing Yun Kwok
Self-Enhancement Campaign for First Year Students	Ms. Bonnie Leung
Conservation of Historical Heritage in HK	Prof. Ting Sun Pao
Drug Addiction in Hong Kong: Phenomena, Theoretical Accounts and Anti-Drug Strategies	Prof. Daniel T.L. Shek
How to Plan your Career in a Lifetime	Mr. Michael Wong Mr. Denny Wong
Approaching Art	Prof. Mok Kar Leung
i-Generation: Making Tough Choices	Youth & Moral Education Office, ICAC

acquire a basic understanding of the Chinese culture, Hong Kong society, university life, and their own development. In addition, students are encouraged to develop critical views on the related issues in these areas.

GENA1113

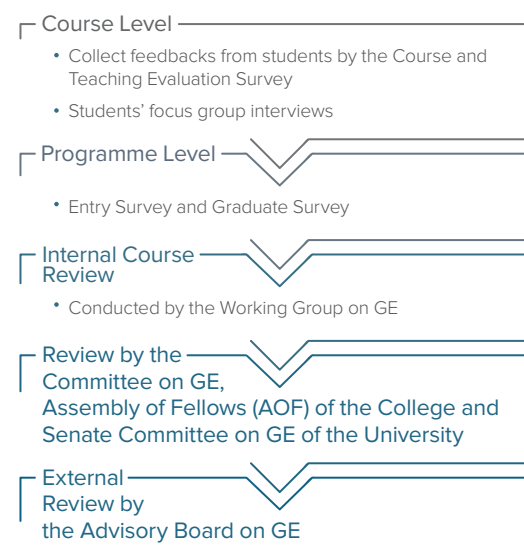
"Student-oriented Teaching and Seminar"

The overall objective of this course is to help students to acquire an understanding of university, the role of university students in the society, adjustment to university life and the spirit of New Asia College. This course adopts a small group and a less structured teaching format. Throughout the course, students are expected to explore topics related to university education (e.g., on the values and missions), roles of university students and the society (e.g., current social issues), with the aims of promoting problem-solving, presentation and report writing skills. Students are expected to have active participation and contribution in the course under the guidance of the teacher.

Elective Courses Offered in 2014/15

	Units
Eastern Culture and Arts	
GENA2262 Appreciation of Chinese Art	2
GENA2322 General History of China	2
GENA2332 Peoples and Culture of South East Asia	3
Western Culture and Arts	
GENA2112 The Characteristics of Western Culture	2
GENA2122 Issues in American Culture and History	2
GENA2272 Appreciation of Western Art	2
GENA2292 American Themes Through Creative Expression	2
Culture, Arts and Philosophy	
GENA2142 Appreciation of Literature	2
GENA2152 Appreciation of Art	2
GENA2182 Science and Modern Society	2
GENA2192 Women, Men and Culture	2
GENA2212 Debates in Human Values	2
GENA2342 Appreciation of Music Cultures	2
GENA2362 Intangible Heritage in Hong Kong	3
GENA3070 Media and Everyday Life	3
Personal Growth	
GENA2312 Self-development of Chinese Youths	2
GENA2352 Service Learning Project	2

Programme Management and Quality Assurance



Management structure

The Committee on General Education is chaired by the Dean of General Education who is concurrently appointed by the College Head. The Committee comprises teachers from different Faculties and student representatives which monitors and gives advice on the College GE programmes.

Students' evaluation

Course evaluation is carried out for each course. Feedbacks on the alignment of GE objectives and course objectives from students are collected and consolidated. Students' focus group interviews will also be conducted at the end of the academic year.

Internal review

Course evaluation of each course is vetted by the Working Group on GE and the reports will be further examined by the Committee on General Education. Chairman's report of the Committee is submitted to the College Assembly of Fellows, whilst an annual report is submitted to the Senate Committee on General Education.

External review

The General Education Advisory Board of New Asia College is established under the College Assembly of Fellows, mainly consisting of external members, to advise and make recommendations to the College on quality assurance of General Education courses and other related activities for continuous improvement.

