

BA in Linguistics and Language Applications

Overview of degree requirements

Degree Requirements	Normative 4-year Degree	Advanced Standing I	Advanced Standing II (Senior-year Entry)
Gateway Education (GE) Requirement			
(i) University requirements			
English	6 credit units	6 credit units	3 credit units
Chinese Civilisation – History and Philosophy	3 credit units	3 credit units	0 credit unit
Whole-Person Development	1 credit unit	1 credit unit	0 credit unit
(ii) Distributional requirements (GE courses)	12 credit units	6 credit units	3 credit units
(iii) College-specified courses	9 credit units	6 credit units	6 credit units
Total	31 credit units	22 credit units	12 credit units
College requirements	6 credit units	6 credit units	0 credit units
	Core courses		
	33 credit units		
	Elective courses		
	24 credit units		
Minor	Optional		
Free Electives	27 credit units	6 credit units	0 credit units
Minimum number of credit units required for the award	121 credit units	91 credit units	69 credit units
Maximum number of credit units permitted	144 credit units	114 credit units	84 credit units
Normal period of study	4 years	3 years	2 years
Maximum period of study	8 years	6 years	5 years

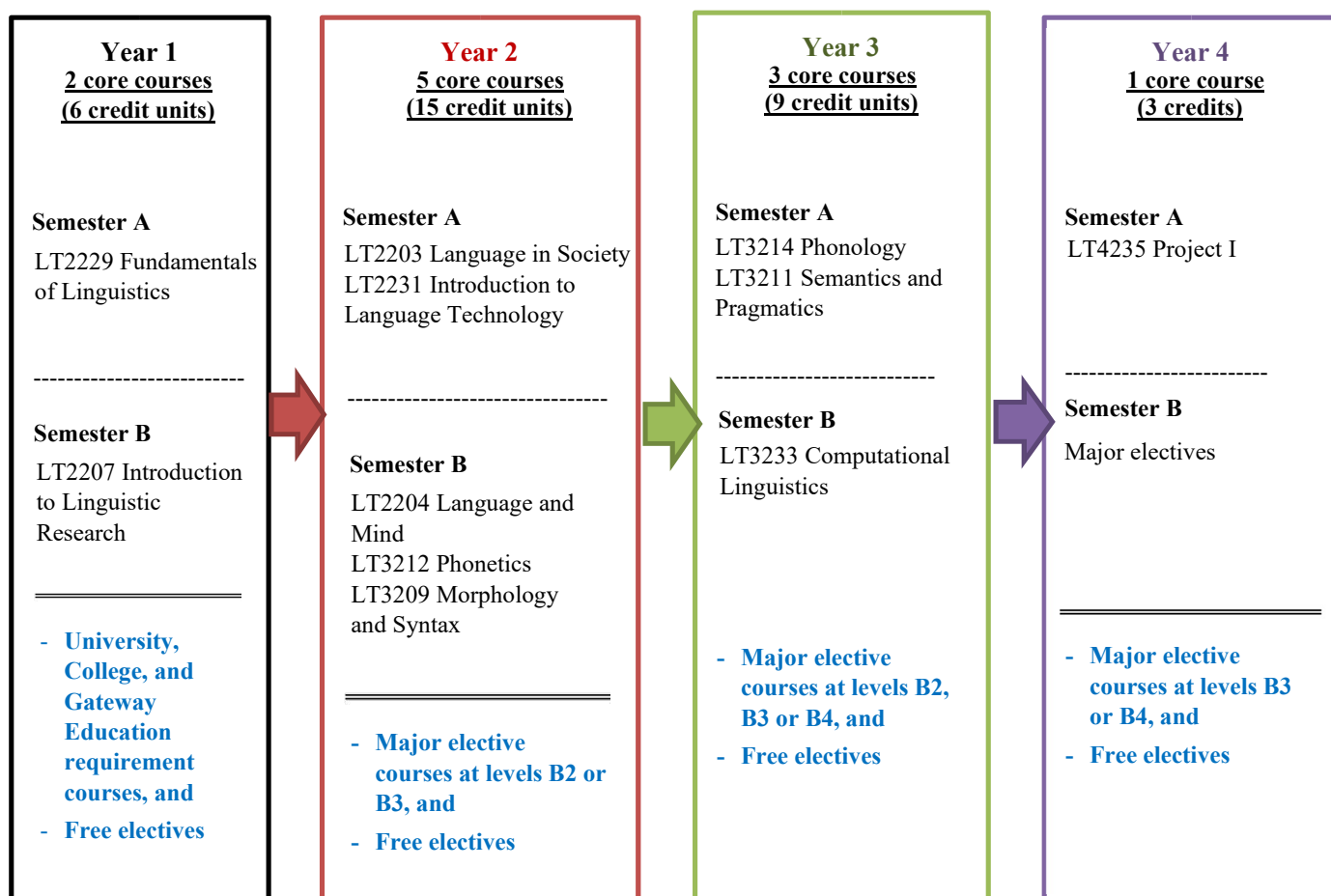
Study Plan of BA in Linguistics and Language Applications Cohort 2026 of Four-Year Curriculum (BAU4)

Suggested study plan for Core and Elective Courses

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Updated in July 2026

Remarks:

1. All courses listed below are of 3 credit units.
2. Students should check DegreeWorks and University documents for the most updated lists of academic requirements.
3. All students are required to take at least 4 major electives (12 credit units) at the B4 level for graduation.
4. Please note the minimum number of free electives and total credit units required for graduation (see page 1).



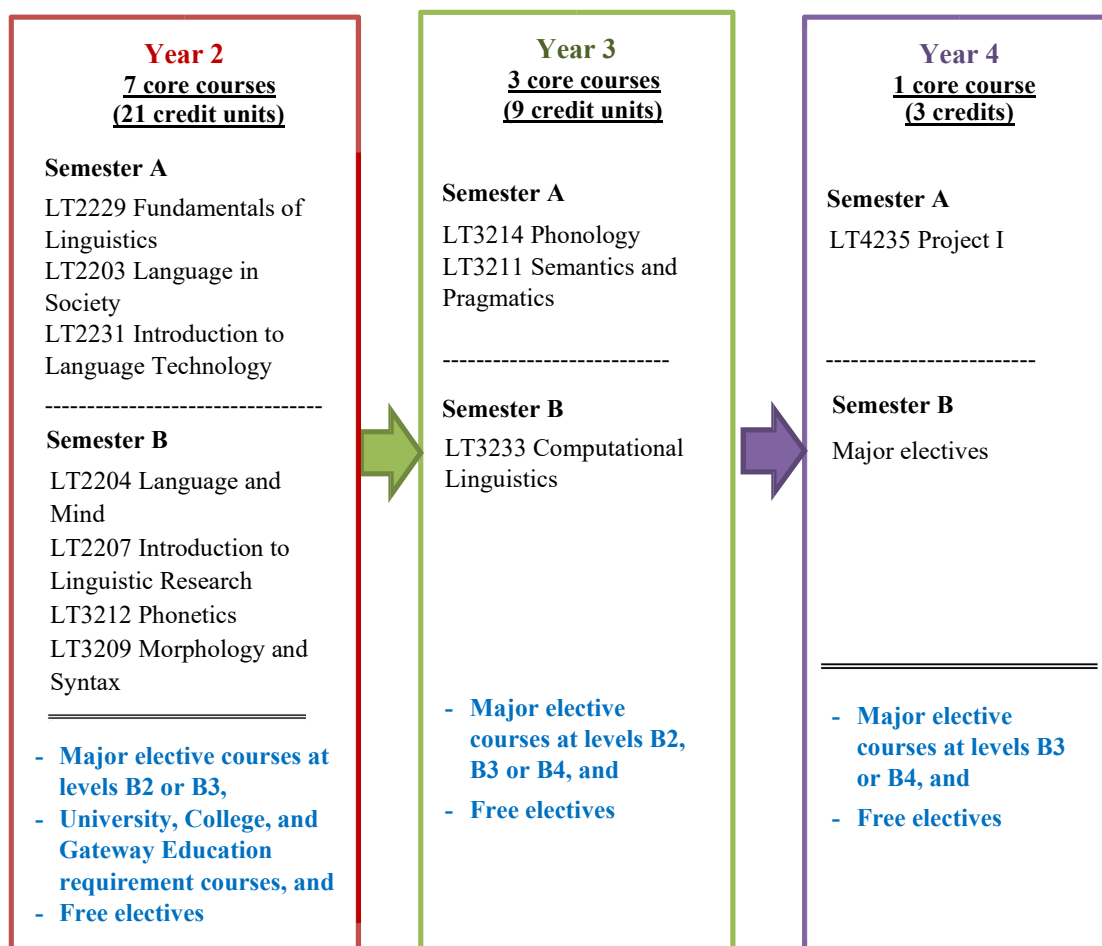
Study Plan of BA in Linguistics and Language Applications Cohort 2026 of Three-Year Curriculum (Advanced Standing I – BAU3)

Suggested study plan for Core and Elective Courses

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Remarks:

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**Study Plan of BA in Linguistics and Language Applications
Cohort 2026 of Two-Year Curriculum (Advanced Standing II - BAU2)**

Suggested study plan for Core and Elective Courses

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Remarks:

1. All courses listed below are of 3 credit units.
2. Students should check DegreeWorks and University documents for the most updated lists of academic requirements.
3. All students are required to take at least 4 major electives (12 credit units) at the B4 level for graduation.
4. Please note the minimum number of free electives and total credit units required for graduation (see page 1).

Year 3
7 core courses
(21 credit units)

Semester A
LT2229 Fundamentals of Linguistics
LT2203 Language in Society
LT2231 Introduction to Language Technology

Semester B
LT2204 Language and Mind
LT3212 Phonetics
LT3209 Morphology and Syntax
LT2207 Introduction to Linguistic Research
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- Major elective courses at levels B2, B3 or B4,
- University, College, and Gateway Education requirement courses, and
- Free electives



Year 4
3 core courses
(9 credit units)

Semester A
LT3214 Phonology
LT3211 Semantics and Pragmatics
LT4235 Project I

Semester B
LT3233 Computational Linguistics
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- Major elective courses at levels B2, B3 or B4, and
- Free electives

Notes

1. Normative 4-year degree students are expected to complete the College requirement courses (2 courses/ 6 credit units) and some University requirement and Gateway Education requirement courses in their first year of studies. For an overview of degree requirements, please refer to page 1 of this document and DegreeWorks.
2. Under normal circumstances, Year 2 students can take elective courses at levels B2 and B3. Year 3 students can take elective courses at levels B2, B3 and B4 while Year 4 students can only take elective courses at levels B3 and B4.
3. Do not change the courses pre-registered unnecessarily since they are offered once a year only. Registration priority for B4 courses will be given to the graduating students first and other cohorts later. Your understanding is appreciated.
4. Some elective courses, e.g., B4 level courses, are offered every other year, so plan ahead. For details of the course offering schedule, please contact your Major Leader.
5. Students enrolled in the Joint Bachelor's Degree Programme (JBDP) with Columbia University should:
 - complete at least 60 credit units during Years 1–2 before departure to Columbia;
 - take LT3233 Computational Linguistics in Semester B in Year 2; and
 - contact Columbia University regarding their language requirement, and take foreign language courses at CityUHK at the appropriate level (e.g., Japanese Level 1, Level 2, etc.) to prepare for the requirement.