Lingnan University, located in Tuen Mun, offers a stimulating and thought-provoking liberal arts education.

We are the only university in Hong Kong to offer a dedicated liberal arts education. Our goal is to cultivate in our graduates the skills and sensibilities necessary to successfully pursue their career goals and take their place as socially responsible citizens in today’s rapidly evolving global environment.

Lively and outward-looking, the university is located on an award-winning campus that visually represents our East-West orientation. Courses are offered by 16 departments in the Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, the Core Curriculum and General Education Office and two language centres.

Mission and vision

Lingnan University is committed to the provision of quality education distinguished by the best liberal arts traditions. We adopt a whole-person approach to education that enables our students to think, judge, care and, ultimately, act responsibly in the changing circumstances of Hong Kong, the region and the world.

The geographical position of Hong Kong, a vibrant world city situated at the mouth of the Pearl River Delta on the coast of southern China, has made it a gateway between East and West, turning it into one of the world’s most cosmopolitan metropolises.

Bilingualism and trilingualism thrive in Hong Kong. Although the majority of the population speaks Chinese as a first language, walking the streets you will hear a medley of Asian and European languages. English is widely spoken, and remains the preferred language of the government, business and tourism sectors. All official signs and public transport announcements, and most menus, are bilingual.

Hong Kong combines a unique East-West heritage with contemporary cosmopolitan living. This thriving metropolis of more than seven million people provides exchange students with a host of eye-opening encounters - from colourful traditional Chinese festivals to the latest business developments in one of the world’s major global financial centres.
Internationalisation at Lingnan

Students

Diversity
Our aim at Lingnan is to develop a richly diverse on-campus student community. Every year, we receive more than 450 degree-seeking or incoming exchange students from all over the world, who together make up around 18% of our undergraduate student population.

Population
Lingnan is the smallest government-funded university in Hong Kong in terms of student population, and Lingnan students thus enjoy the advantages of a small class size and high student-teacher ratio.

Staff

Ninety-eight per cent of Lingnan’s academic staff hold doctorate degrees. In addition to pursuing high-quality research, they place special emphasis on students’ learning and personal development. Our approach encourages high standards of research amongst our faculty, as we firmly believe that cutting-edge knowledge nurtures outstanding teaching and inspires those exposed to it. We also regularly invite visiting scholars from mainland China and overseas institutions.
Language learning opportunities

Lingnan fosters both Chinese and English, the two official languages of Hong Kong, although some 75% of classes are taught in English.

Through the Centre for English and Additional Languages, students can work on their English capabilities to enhance their studies and critical-thinking abilities. Courses in other languages, including French, Japanese, Korean and Spanish, are also available.

At the Chinese Language Education and Assessment Centre, students can also enrol in Putonghua classes. The centre's tutors are experienced in teaching Putonghua to international students, and courses at different levels are available to exchange students.

Infrastructure

Lingnan offers a warm, friendly atmosphere that helps exchange students to settle in easily. Most students live on campus, and every international student is allocated a room with a local student to enhance understanding of Hong Kong and boost cross-cultural awareness.

Our award-winning campus, located in Tuen Mun, boasts a wide range of facilities and services, including:

> Library with late-night access
> Chinese and Western food outlets
> Olympic-sized swimming pool
> Sports complex and outdoor sports ground
> Courtyard gardens and pavilions

Neighbouring areas offer additional services, shopping and entertainment.
Experience Lingnan

The Lingnan lifestyle

Our liberal arts philosophy means that we pay special attention to campus life at Lingnan. With 100% of undergraduates living on campus, Lingnan has the highest residential rate of all universities in Hong Kong. Many activities revolve around hostel life, including sports, cultural and academic pursuits, which helps students to build friendships. Exchange students also experience this lifestyle by sharing a hostel room with a local roommate.

A peer mentoring programme is available to help both local and international degree students to adjust to university life, and our Buddies Scheme assists exchange students in settling in at Lingnan.

Wide range of activities

Student activities are a core part of life at Lingnan, and a wide range of sports facilities and gathering points are available for the numerous societies and clubs that thrive at the university. These activities encompass everything from dragon boat racing and lion dancing to rugby, choir and the philosophy society.

There is also an array of social activities aimed at facilitating students’ integration, such as Orientation, International Day, the Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival Celebrations, Thanksgiving Dinner, Patongghua learning in hostels, Student Buddies events, host family activities, barbecues and excursion tours.

Integrated learning programmes

Another of Lingnan’s special features is our integrated learning programme, which offers a diverse range of enrichment activities for students in five main areas:

- Civic education
- Intellectual development
- Physical education
- Social and emotional development
- Aesthetic development
Lingnan aims to excel as an internationally recognised liberal arts university. Central to the university’s international profile is an already diverse culture, and we are conscious of the need to further enrich our international character and perspective.

The interconnecting priorities for our further internationalisation are to foster our international network, expand students’ international horizons, actively integrate international students into our campus, and facilitate faculty interactions with international universities and institutions. As a liberal arts university that emphasises whole-person development, we are working towards differentiating the Lingnan student experience as one that is engaging, motivating and internationally oriented.

We operate in an international context, which is reflected in all areas of university life—from our students and faculty members to our curriculum and extra-curricular activities and to our collaborations transcending national boundaries.

Community insight

Understanding more about the different people who make up society is a central part of Lingnan’s diverse learning experience. Under the umbrella of “Education for Service”, our students participate in a variety of community projects to encourage an all-round socially orientated vision. Such work allows students to meet people from a range of backgrounds, builds organisational and communication capabilities and encourages a culture of care for others.

Lingnan was also the first higher education institution in Hong Kong to offer service-learning programmes. Faculty members work with partners arranged by the university’s Office of Service Learning to design programmes that combine service, research and leadership skills, thereby providing a distinctive pathway to student development.
People
Faculty and instructors 188
Undergraduates 2,608
Postgraduates 495

Partner Institutions
186 (in 38 countries/regions)

Data as of 2016/17 Academic Year

Bachelor’s degrees
BA (Hons) in Chinese
BA (Hons) in Contemporary English Studies
BA (Hons) in Cultural Studies
BA (Hons) in History
BA (Hons) in Philosophy
BA (Hons) in Translation
BA (Hons) in Visual Studies
Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons)
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons)

Academic Calendar
Fall Term (1st Semester):
Early September to Late December
Spring Term (2nd Semester):
Late January to Late May
Summer Term:
Late May to Mid-July