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HKUST offers Greater Flexibility & Wider Student Choices

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) welcomes the greater breadth of studies provided by the "3-3-4" education reform and is planning for an undergraduate program that offers students greater flexibility and wider choice to maximize their potential.

Under the new "3-3-4" academic structure, the minimum general admission requirements to HKUST are completion of four "core subjects - Chinese, English, Liberal Studies, and Mathematics, plus two additional elective subjects.

The additional specific requirements for admission to the three undergraduate schools at HKUST are as follows:

Schools	No. of electives required	Specific Subject Requirements
School of Science	2	1 unspecified elective + 1 elective from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, or Combined Science
School of Engineering	2	1 unspecified elective + 1 elective from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, or Combined Science
School of Business and Management	2	Nil

Students will be admitted to Schools instead of academic programs. This school-based admission system means that students would have a wider and more flexible choice of majors and inter-disciplinary studies that would best suit their individual aptitudes and interests.

"Our admission requirements and the new four-year program provides inter-disciplinary options that promises a flexible student-centered academic experience for our students to build competence and develop their potential to the full," said Prof Paul Chu, President of HKUST.

"We welcome students with a broader profile of achievements and will take account of their competences and personal qualities that would help them benefit from an undergraduate education at HKUST," added Prof Chu.

Also speaking on new admission requirements, HKUST Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs Prof Ting Chuen Pong said the University's high-quality four-year undergraduate program will give us further room to offer to the young people of Hong Kong all-round education that we cherish.

"As envisioned in HKUST Strategic Plan, a new School of Innovation and Technology Management will also be established to help our students meet the global challenges of the 21st century and fulfill their role as tomorrow's leaders and innovators," he said.

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