

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Department of Cultural and Religious Studies
MA in Religious Studies (2026-27)
Course Offering List

(last update: 29 July 2026)

Points to Note:

- Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 units of courses for graduation. **Out of the 24 units, at least 18 units must be RELS-coded courses.**
- Students should complete **1 core course** and any **7 elective courses** from the Four Areas prescribed in the course list with **at least TWO Areas chosen from Area 1, 2 and 3.** Area 1 (Religion, Heritage and Context) / Area 2 (Religion, Society and Culture) / Area 3 (Religion, Life and Wisdom) / Area 4 (Special Topics in Religious Studies).
- Full-time** students are suggested to take **four courses** per term and **part-time** students are suggested to take **two courses** per term. For the details of the course selection and add/drop, please refer to the demonstration: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/academics/course-selection-add-drop/course-selection-in-cusis>
- MARS Course outlines will be sent to students via email.

Term 1 (7 September 2026 – 10 December 2026)

Area	Course Code	Course	Lecturer	Day, Time & Week	Venue	Language
Core	RELS5005	Theories of Religious Studies 宗教研究理論	Prof. LAI Chi Tim	Monday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 1-6, 8-13 (12 lessons)	CKB_UG03	C & P
3	RELS5329	Buddhism, Right Mindfulness and Meditation 佛教、正念與禪修	Dr. TONG Sau Lin	Tuesday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 1-13 (13 lessons)	FYB_UG01	C & P
3	RELS5323	Life and Death in World Religions 世界宗教的生死觀	Dr. CHOW Wai Yin	Wednesday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 1-13 (13 lessons)	ELB_203	C & E
3	RELS5335	Understanding Religion through Film 從電影看宗教	Prof. CHEUNG Tak Ching Neky	Thursday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 1-3, 5-14 (13 lessons)	CKB_UG04	C#E
2	THEO5926 ** offered by MARS this year	Christianity and Chinese Culture 基督教與中國文化	Prof. LAI Pan Chiu	Friday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 1-13 (13 lessons)	HYS_G04	C & E
1	THEO5906	Methods and Paradigms of Christian Studies 基督教研究之方法與範式	Prof. YAM Cheuk Yin Colten	Monday 19:00 - 21:30	SC_L3	C & E
1	THEO5910	New Testament in Contexts 新約聖經處境詮釋	Prof. Alex IP Hon Ho	Tuesday 19:00 - 21:30	ELB_206	C & E
1	THEO5226	Theology and Feminism 神學與女性主義	Prof. WONG Wai Yin Christina	Friday 09:30 - 12:15	CKB_UG04	C & E

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Term 2 (11 January 2027 – 26 April 2027)

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3	RELS5328	Taoism, Health and Nourishing of Life 道教、健康與養生	Prof. LAI Chi Tim	Monday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-22, 24-29, 32-34 (13 lessons)	ELB_302	C&P
4	RELS5322	Research Paper in Religious Studies 宗教研究學術論文	Dr. CHOW Wai Yin	Tuesday 14:30 – 17:00 cuis shown 17:15 Week 19-22, 24-32 (13 lessons)	ERB_408	C&E
4	RELS5331	Special Topic in Religious Studies I 宗教研究專題(一) Religious Fundamentalism in Asian Societies 亞洲社會中的宗教原教旨主義	Prof. WONG Wai Ching Angela	Tuesday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-22, 24-33 (14 lessons)	HYS_G04	E&P
2	RELS5325	Christianity in Chinese Literature 中國文學中的基督教	Prof. LAI Tsz Pang	Wednesday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-22, 24-32 (13 lessons)	HYS_G04	C&P
4	RELS5332	Special Topic in Religious Studies I 宗教研究專題(二) Mystical Traditions in the Major World Religion 世界各大宗教的神秘傳統	Prof. James D FRANKEL	Thursday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-22, 24-33 (14 lessons)	FYB_UG01	E
1	RELS5142	Buddhist Monastics and Travel 佛教僧侶與旅行	Prof. WANG Xingyi	Friday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-21, 23-28, 30-33 (13 lessons)	CKB_109	P&E
2	TBC	TBC	New Teacher	Friday 19:00 - 21:30 Week 19-21, 23-28, 30-33 (13 lessons)	TBC	E

Language Explanatory Notes:

C=Cantonese; E=English; P=Putonghua;

&=Both the first and the second languages are used;

#=The first language will be used but will change to the second language when there is any student who does not know the first language.

Building Abbreviations:

CKB= Chen Kou Bun Building 陳國本樓

ELB=Esther Lee Building 利黃瑤璧樓

FYB=Wong Foo Yuan Building 王福元樓

HYS=Hui Yeung Shing Building 許讓成樓

SC = Science Centre 科學館

ERB= William M W Mong Engineering Building 蒙民偉工程學大樓