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**BA (HONORS)
COMPARATIVE HUMANITIES**

4-YEAR ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Requirements for the Major

A major in BA (Honors) in Comparative Humanities requires completion of 37 courses and a minimum of 124 credit hours of coursework, with a minimum CGPA of 2.33, as shown in the table below:

Requirements	Course Category	Number of Courses to Complete
Habib Liberal Core	Comparative approaches, methods and key issues in the study of religion	10
CH Program Core (7 courses)	Critical Inquiry and the Humanities	1
	Conceptual Genealogies	1
	World Historical Figures: Leadership, Judgment, and Authority I	1
	Comparative Hermeneutics I (Major Works and Traditions Seminar)	1
	Comparative Hermeneutics II (A Major Work in Dialogue with its Tradition Seminar)	1
	Criticism Dissent and the Ethics of Disagreement	1
	Capstone Research Seminar	1 ²
Primary Concentration ¹ (6 courses)	1. Religious Studies	6
	Introduction to World Religions/What is World Religion?	1
	Comparative approaches, methods and key issues in the study of religion	1
	Any Level RELS Elective	2
	Upper-Level RELS Elective	2
	2. History	6
	Global Histories	1
	Understanding Histories: Historiography and Historical Methods	2
	Any Level HIST Elective	2
	Upper-Level HIST Elective	2
	3. Literature	6
	What is World Literature?	1
	Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	1
	Any Level LIT Elective	2
	Upper-Level LIT Elective	2
	4. Philosophy	6
	What is Philosophy? Or Introduction to Western Philosophy	1
	Any Level PHIL Elective	3
	Upper-Level PHIL Elective	2

Requirements	Course Category	Number of Courses to Complete
Secondary Concentration ¹ (4 courses)	1. Religious Studies	4
	Introduction to World Religions/What is World Religion?	1
	Comparative approaches, methods and key issues in the study of religion	1
	Any Level RELS Elective	1
	Upper-Level RELS Elective	1
	2. History	4
	Global Histories	1
	Understanding Histories: Historiography and Historical Methods	1
	Any Level HIST Elective	1
	Upper-Level HIST Elective	1
	3. Literature	4
	What is World Literature?	1
	Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	1
	Any Level LIT Elective	1
	Upper-Level LIT Elective	1
	4. Philosophy	4
	What is Philosophy? Or Introduction to Western Philosophy	1
	Any Level PHIL Elective	2
	Upper-Level PHIL Elective	1
CH Electives	Electives (any level)	2
Free Electives	Free Electives	8
Overall		37

¹ Either a double concentration or one primary and one secondary concentration.

² Capstone research paper, written in HUM 402: Capstone Research Seminar, earning a passing grade (C minus) by the instructor/s.

- Evaluation of capstone paper in HUM 402 will determine if it has the potential to develop into a thesis. A minus on the capstone paper is a minimally required qualification for students to pursue the possibility of writing a final thesis.

Note 1: An E-Portfolio, compiled over 8 semesters of study, and evaluated as satisfactory by committee upon completion of capstone.

Note 2: Final thesis, which is a requirement for students graduating with distinction requires students to have earned a minimum of A minus in HUM 402 – Capstone Research Seminar. Students who don't qualify for the final thesis may undertake the thesis with Program approval.

- Requires an additional Independent Study of 3 CH in the 8th semester, with the student's thesis advisor.
- Students pursuing a thesis option are to take an IS of min 3 cr hrs in lieu of free elective 8 of 8.

4-Year Academic Journey

The students of CH Major are required to complete a minimum of 37 courses and 124 credit-hours over their 4-year journey (8 semesters). Each student is required to complete a Primary Concentration and a Secondary Concentration from the 4 available Concentration areas – 1) Religious Studies, 2) History, 3) Literature, and 4) Philosophy. A set of recommended courses (semester-wise) fall under the following course categories:

Category 1: Habib Liberal Core (HLC), also known as the University Core, is a common curriculum designed for all Habib University students as a mandatory requirement. A total of 10 courses are included in the HLC/University Core.

Category 2: CH Program Core entails a set of mandatory courses for the CH Majors. A total of 07 courses are included in the CH Program Core.

Category 3: Primary Concentration. Each student has to complete a total of 06 courses within their selected Primary Concentration.

Category 4: Secondary Concentration. Each student has to complete a total of 04 courses within their Secondary Concentration.

Category 5: CH Electives. Each student has to complete a total of 02 CH Electives of any level from any of the 4 Concentration areas.

Category 6: Free Electives. Each student has to complete at least 08 Free Elective courses (with a minimum of 24 credit-hours). Students may take 1 Cr and 2 Cr courses to fulfill but must complete 24 credit-hours in Free Elective category.

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
First Semester (5 courses)			
CORE 101 – Rhetoric and Communication	4	University Core (1 of 10)	
A course in Philosophical Form of Thought	Min 3	University Core (2 of 10)	All PHIL course codes (3 credit-hour and above) fall in this category.
A course in Formal Reasoning Form of Thought (CS 101 – Algorithmic Problem Solving or CORE 111 – Logical Problem Solving)	4	University Core (3 of 10)	
HUM 101 – Critical Inquiry and the Humanities	4	CH Program Core (1 of 7)	
Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (1 of 8)	

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
Second Semester (5 courses)			
CORE 102 – What is Modernity	4	University Core (4 of 10)	
RELS 1xx – Introduction to World Religions/What is World Religion?	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in Religious Studies
RELS 223 – Comparative approaches, methods and key issues in the study of religion	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in Religious Studies
OR			
HIST 1xx/2xx – Global Histories	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in History
HIST 227 – Understanding Histories: Historiography and Historical Methods	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in History
OR			
LIT 1xx/2xx What is World Literature?	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in Literature
LIT 225 – Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in Literature
OR			
PHIL 200 – What is Philosophy?*** or PHIL 122 – Introduction to Western Philosophy***	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Primary Concentration in Philosophy
Philosophy Concentration Elective	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 1 of 5)	This Elective is from the declared Primary Concentration area
Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (2 & 3 of 8)	
Third Semester (5 courses)			
CORE 201 – Pakistan and Modern South Asia	4	University Core (5 of 10)	
A course in Quantitative Reasoning Form of Thought	Min 3	University Core (6 of 10)	
CORE 200 – Scientific Methods	3	University Core (7 of 10)	
HUM 201 – Conceptual Genealogies	4	CH Program Core (2 of 7)	
Primary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 1 of 4)	This Elective is from the declared Primary Concentration area
OR			
Primary Concentration Elective (In PHIL**)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 2 of 5)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration

A 2 course sequence within the Primary Concentration

Elective within Primary Concentration

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
Fourth Semester (5 courses)			
CORE 202 – Hikma I	4	University Core (8 of 10)	
HUM 200 – World Historical Figures: Leadership, Judgment, and Authority	4	CH Program Core (3 of 7)	
Primary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 2 of 4)	This Elective is from the declared Primary Concentration area
OR			
Primary Concentration Elective (In PHIL**)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 3 of 5)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration

Elective within Primary Concentration

RELS 1xx – Introduction to World Religions/What is World Religion?	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration in Religious Studies
OR			
HIST 1xx/2xx – Global Histories	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration in History
OR			
LIT 1xx/2xx What is World Literature?	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration in Literature
OR			
PHIL 200 – What is Philosophy?** or PHIL 122 – Introduction to Western Philosophy***	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 1 of 1)	For Secondary Concentration in Philosophy
Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (4 of 8)	

1st course within Secondary Concentration

Fifth Semester (5 courses)			
CORE 121 – Jehan-e-Urdu	4	University Core (9 of 10)	
HUM 301 – Comparative Hermeneutics I (Major Works and Traditions Seminar)	4	CH Program Core (4 of 7)	
Primary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT at Upper-level)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 3 of 4)	This Elective is from the declared Primary Concentration area
OR			
Primary Concentration Elective (In PHIL** at Upper-level)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 4 of 5)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration

Elective within Primary Concentration

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments	2 nd course within Secondary Concentration
RELS 223 – Comparative approaches, methods and key issues in the study of religion	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration in Religious Studies	
OR				
HIST 227 – Understanding Histories: Historiography and Historical Methods	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration in History	
OR				
LIT 225 – Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Requirement 2 of 2)	For Secondary Concentration Literature	
OR				
Philosophy Concentration Elective**	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Elective 1 of 3)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration	
Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (5 of 8)		
Sixth Semester (4 courses)				
A course in Creative Practice Form of Thought	Min 3	University Core (10 of 10)		
HUM 401 – Comparative Hermeneutics II (A Major Work in Dialogue with its Tradition Seminar)	4	CH Program Core (5 of 7)		
HUM 300 – Criticism Dissent and the Ethics of Disagreement	4	CH Program Core (6 of 7)		
Primary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT at Upper-level)	Min 3	Primary Concentration (Elective 4 of 4)	This Elective is from the declared Primary Concentration area	
OR				
Primary Concentration Elective (In PHIL** at Upper-level)	4	Primary Concentration (Elective 5 of 5)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration	
Elective within Primary Concentration				
Seventh Semester (4 courses)				
Elective	Min 3	CH Electives (1 of 2)	Any level Elective course in HIST, LIT, PHIL, RELS	
HUM 402 – Capstone Research Seminar	4	CH Program Core (7 of 7)		
Secondary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT)	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Elective 1 of 2)	This Elective is from the declared Secondary Concentration area	
OR				
Secondary Concentration Elective (In PHIL**)	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Elective 2 of 3)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration	
Elective within Primary Concentration				
Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (6 of 8)		

Courses to complete	Credit hours	Course Category	Comments
Eighth Semester (4 courses)			
Elective	Min 3	CH Electives (2 of 2)	Any level Elective course in HIST, LIT, PHIL, RELS
Secondary Concentration Elective (In RELS, HIST and LIT at Upper-level)	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Elective 2 of 2)	This Elective is from the declared Secondary Concentration area
OR			
Secondary Concentration Elective (In PHIL** at Upper-level)	Min 3	Secondary Concentration (Elective 3 of 3)	This Elective is from Philosophy Concentration

Elective within Primary Concentration

Free Elective*	3	Free Elective (7 of 8)	
Free Elective***	Min 3	Free Elective (8 of 8)	Students pursuing Thesis option are to take an Independent Study (min 3 credit-hours) in lieu of free elective 8 of 8

Note:

*Electives (program/free) need to be taken so that over all total credit hours are 124.

**Philosophy Concentration at Primary and Secondary level has only 1 required course. Rest are all electives.

*** Students, pursuing thesis option, are to take an IS (min 3 Cr Hrs) in lieu of free elective 8 of 8.

Note 1: Students can double count free electives in the grid towards completion of requirements for declared concentrations in HIST, LIT, PHIL, or RELS. This is applicable for students pursuing beyond the minimally required one primary and one secondary concentration.

Note 2: Regarding "Free Electives", students have the option to take 1 and 2 credit hour courses, with the understanding that they'll have to complete the total of 124 credit hours coursework (and a minimum of 37 courses) minimally required for graduation. The ""Free Electives"" descriptor refers to a category of course, rather than a specific course.

Note 3: Two electives within Primary Concentration and one elective within Secondary Concentration must be upper-level electives.

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