

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
General Education Office
**Guidelines and Regulations for the General Education Breadth Learning Strands –
New Six Arts (GELS - NSA) and Positive and Values Education (PAVE) Courses**

Important Note to all students:

1. Taking PAVE (GEK) courses as electives

According to the University's policy, all 4-year FT BA/BSocSc/BME/BScEd/BSocScEd and 5-year FT BEd students are eligible to select PAVE courses (GEK) as electives. (Please also see <https://curriculum.eduhk.hk/electives/>). Students who wish to register PAVE courses (GEK) as an elective or free choice **should contact and notify their Programme Offices** after successful registration of the course(s).

Under the curriculum changes, **students are NOT allowed to take any extra GELS - NSA course(s) (GEN) as elective(s) from 2024/25 and onwards.** The extra GELS-NSA course(s) will be **treated as unused course(s) and excluded from the GPA calculation.**

2. Drop or withdraw GELS – NSA and PAVE courses after the add-drop period

According to the General Academic Regulations of the Student Handbook (*Chapter 4.1* http://www.eduhk.hk/reg/student_handbook/text_en4_1-b.html#4),

Point 4. Course Enrolment

“4.3 Students can add or drop a course during the add-drop period or before the third class meeting. Students are permitted to drop a course after the add-drop period but before the examination period or the deadline for submission of final assignments, whichever applicable, only for strong personal reasons, such as serious illnesses; the grade W (Withdrawn) will be recorded on the students' transcript.”

and

“4.4 Failure to attend a course does not automatically result in the course being dropped. Students who are reported for prolonged absence in a course without permission will be accorded a grade F (Fail) for the course.”

According to the regulations, **adding or dropping any GELS – NSA and PAVE course after the add-drop period will not be allowed.** Students are permitted to withdraw from the course after the add-drop period (before the examination period) only if they have strong personal reasons. These reasons including serious illnesses or other special reasons indicate that the student is unable to continue their study for a prolonged period. At the same time, students are required

to gain approval from the course instructor and Programme Leader/Coordinator by email or application form (*if applicable*). The grade W (withdrawn) will be recorded on the transcripts for successful applicants. For any student who is reported for prolonged absence without any strong personal reason, a grade F (Fail) will be accorded for the course.

Due to the unique course structure of GELS – NSA courses, students have to take one 2-cp and one corresponding 1-cp course in the same course set in the same semester to fulfill the GELS requirement. Students who are permitted to withdraw from either one GELS – NSA course after the add-drop period (before the examination period) **should also gain approval from the course instructor(s) from the corresponding course in the same NSA course set**. For details of NSA course arrangement, please refer to the GEO website (https://geo.web.eduhk.hk/web/student_info.php?id=88).

To maintain fairness, the General Education Office will strictly follow the above regulations and no special approval will be given to students without strong personal reasons as stated in the student handbook. As a friendly reminder, please also note that there is NO paper form for adding or dropping GELS – NSA and PAVE courses (except for the summer semester). Students **MUST** add or drop the courses through the online platform during the add-drop period.

3. **Attendance requirement for the GELS – NSA and PAVE courses**

According to the General Academic Regulations of the Student Handbook (*Chapter 4.1* http://www.eduhk.hk/reg/student_handbook/text_en4_1-b.html#4),

Point 13. Leave of Absence

“13.3 Where necessary, individual courses / course lecturers / programmes / departments may specify their attendance requirements.”

You are expected to follow the General Academic Regulations and to attend every scheduled session of a course. A standard attendance requirement is now set up across the General Education courses (*including General Education Foundation Course, General Education Interdisciplinary Courses, General Education Breadth Learning Strand – New Six Arts (GELS - NSA) and Positive and Values Education Courses (PAVE), University ePortfolio and Experiential Learning*), **the minimum attendance requirement is 80%**. For GELS – NSA Course, students should attain a minimum 80% attendance for the 2-cp course and its corresponding 1-cp course respectively. Under special circumstances, students who are absent for a prolonged period, or for more than the 20% of contact time allowed must seek approval from the Course Instructor and Programme Leader/Coordinator prior to taking the leave. Students who are absent for a prolonged period in a course without prior permission will be given a grade F (Fail) by their course lecturers. The grade F

will be recorded on the students' transcripts.

4. Taking General Education Breadth Courses in the Field Experience and Experiential Learning Semester (Year 5 Semester 1 and Year 3 Semester 2)

According to General Academic Regulations of the Student Handbook (*Chapter 4.1*

http://www.eduhk.hk/reg/student_handbook/text_en4_1-b.html#4),

Point 9.10. Field Experience

“9.10.4 Students should complete a minimum of 7 cps in each Field Experience and Experiential Learning Semester (for students admitted in 2019/20 and thereafter). Students shall only take Field Experience and/or Experiential Learning Courses (including Co-curricular and Service Learning course and Experiential Learning course) and Honours Project/Capstone Project, but not other regular taught courses in the Field Experience and Experiential Learning Semester.”

Students should always be committed to full-time teaching work in school and take the initiative to work in school and every opportunity to engage in school life. **Students should not register for any General Education Breadth Courses (GELS – NSA and PAVE courses) in the Field Experience and Experiential Learning Semester.**



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