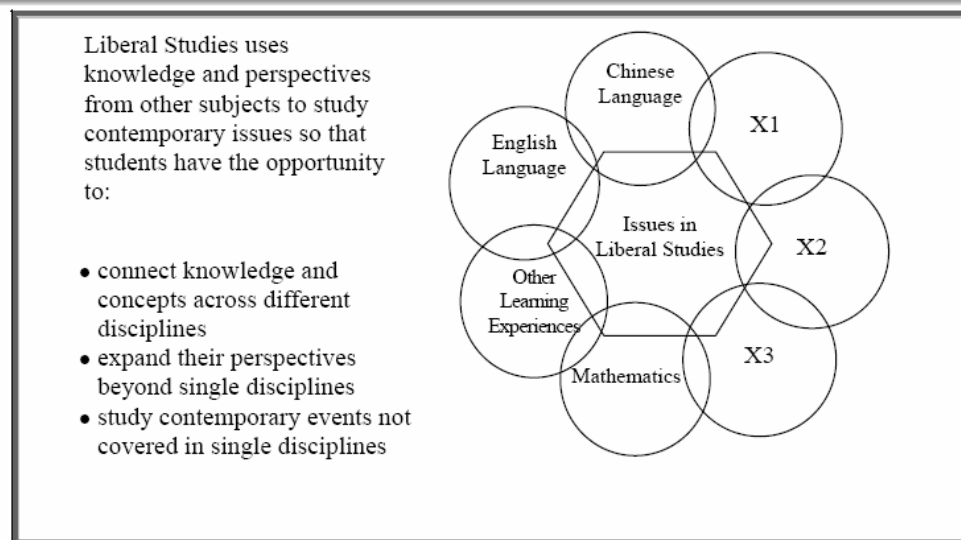


Liberal Studies

The *334 Report* (EMB, 2005) stipulated that Liberal Studies will be a core subject and assessed like other subjects in the three-year senior secondary curriculum as it articulates with the junior secondary curriculum, post-secondary education, and future career pathways.

Liberal Studies aims to broaden students' knowledge base and enhance their social awareness through the study of a wide range of issues. The modules selected for the curriculum focus on themes of significance to students, society and the world, designed to enable students to make connections across different fields of knowledge and to broaden their horizons. The learning experiences provided will foster students' capacity for life-long learning, so that they can become an independent learner and face the challenges of the future with confidence.

Liberal Studies and the Three-year Senior Secondary Curriculum



Curriculum Framework for Liberal Studies

Areas of Study	Independent Enquiry Study (IES)
Self & Personal Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1: Personal Development & Interpersonal Relationships 	Students are required to conduct an IES making use of the knowledge and perspectives gained from the three Areas of Study and extending them to new issues or contexts. To help students develop their IES titles, the following themes are suggested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media • Education • Religion • Sports • Art • Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
Society & Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 2: Hong Kong Today • Module 3: Modern China • Module 4: Globalization 	
Science, Technology & the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 5: Public Health • Module 6: Energy Technology & the Environment 	

Design of Public Assessment

Component	Part	Weighting	Duration
Public examination	Paper 1 Data-response questions	50%	2 hours
	Paper 2 Extended-response questions	30%	1 hour and 15 minutes
School-based Assessment (SBA)	Independent Enquiry Study (IES)	20%	

Source for Further Reference: Liberal Studies Curriculum and Assessment Guides (S4 – 6) (Final version), CDC and HKEAA, March 2007.