Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2018-19 Intake (4-year curriculum)

The following description specifies the programme curriculum for students who pursue the programme on a **full-time four-year basis**. Flexibility is allowed for completing the programme within a longer or shorter period in accordance with the stipulations in the Regulations Governing Undergraduate Studies.

		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
FIRST YEAR					
CCC8011	Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R)*		3		3
CCC8012	The Making of Hong Kong (R)*		3		3
LCC1010	Practical Chinese I (R)		3		3
LCE1010	English for Communication I (R)@	3			3
LCE1020	English for Communication II (R)@			3	3
ECO2101	Introduction to Economics (R)		3		3
POL2101	Introduction to Political Science (R) (recoded to GOV2101 from 2022-23)		3		3
PSY2101	Introduction to Psychology (R)		3		3
SOC2101	Introduction to Sociology (R)		3		3
	^ 1 Cluster Course		3		3
					30
SECOND YEAR					
CCC8013	The Process of Science (R)*		3		3
CCC8014	China in World History (R)*		3		3
LCC2010	Practical Chinese II (R)		3		3
LCE2010	English for Communication III (R)@		3		3
ENG2020	Varieties of English (R)@		3		3
					15
SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS					
	# 4 Discipline Major/Stream Required Courses		12		12
	6 Discipline Major/Stream Electives		18		18
	^ 4 Cluster Courses		12		12
					42
THIRD YEAR					
SSC3319	Junior Research Project (R)		3		3
FOURTH YEAR					
SSC4319	Senior Thesis or 1 Discipline Major/Stream Elective		3		3

(R) denotes required course(s).

* Students are assigned to take CCC8011 Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation and CCC8012 The Making of Hong Kong in the first year, and CCC8013 The Process of Science and CCC8014 China in World History in the second year (or the third year for those designated as Year 3 students upon admission).

@ Students directly admitted to Year 2 in 2019-20 or Year 3 in 2020-21 should follow the revamped English Language Curriculum. Please refer to https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum for more information.

^ Students are required to complete 5 Cluster courses in total. For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

\# Students are recommended to complete all Discipline Major/Stream Required courses by the end of the third year.

Students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after under International Economy and Politics Stream are required to complete 5 stream required and 5 stream elective courses. For more details, please refer to the stream structure.

	Number of Credits			
	1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
ANY YEAR				
9 Free Electives		27		27

Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

[Note: Students are not advised to take any Discipline Major/Stream required courses in their first year of study as their free electives.]

Discipline Majors and Streams

Under the BSocSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 4 Discipline Majors and 3 Streams:

1. Discipline Major in Economics

Required Courses (*4 in all*)

ECO3104	Tools for Economic Analysis (titled as Quantitative Methods in Economics in 2019-20 or before)
ECO3105	Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics (titled as Introduction to Econometrics in 2018-19 or before)
ECO3201	Intermediate Microeconomics
ECO3202	Intermediate Macroeconomics

Elective Courses *(Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level)*

ECO3001	The Hong Kong Housing Market *
ECO3002	The Economics of the Digital Economy *#
ECO3203	Labour Economics
ECO3205	Economics of Taxation and Transfers (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy *
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy *#
ECO3211	Chinese Economy
ECO3213	China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy: the Greater Bay and beyond # (titled as China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy in 2018-19 or before)
ECO3214	Globalisation and Economic Integration #
ECO3216	Behavioural Economics
ECO3218	Development Economics #
ECO3311	Economics of the Family
ECO3313	Urban Economics *
ECO3314	Environmental Economics # (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4001	Economics of Markets and Regulations # (titled as Economics of Antitrust and Regulation in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4101	Economics of Law (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4203	Applied Econometrics
ECO4215	Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres # (from 2019-20)
ECO4217	Money and Banking
ECO4305	International Trade and Trade Policy # (titled as International Trade in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4306	International Finance #
ECO4316	Industrial Economics and Competition Policy
ECO4320	Game Theory and Strategic Behaviour #
ECO4323	Financial Economics
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy *# (from 2021-22)
SSC2113	Linear Algebra (from 2021-22)
SSC2114	Calculus (from 2021-22)
SSC3212	Regional Development in Greater China (titled as Regional Development in China in 2018-19 or before) (from 2019-20)

SSC3312	Health Policy *^ (from 2021-22)
SSC4207	International Political Economy # (from 2019-20)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

*   Cross-listed in SPPS Stream
^   Cross-listed in HSSM Stream
\#   Cross-listed in IEP Stream

2. Discipline Major in Political Science

<u>Required Courses</u> (*4 in all*)

GOV3101	Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods
GOV3203	International Politics #
GOV3210	Comparative Politics #
GOV3217	Modern Political Ideologies

<u>Elective Courses</u> (*Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level*)

GOV3103	Gender and Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV3104	Media, Data and Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV3105	Political Economy of Development (from 2020-21)
GOV3106	Small States in World Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific # (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV3201	Government and Politics of Contemporary China
GOV3205	Global Governance #
GOV3208	Public Policy: Values and Processes *
GOV3214	Government and Politics of Hong Kong *
GOV3215	Taiwan: Politics and Society (coded and titled as SSC3215 Taiwan: Society and Politics in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV3216	American Foreign Policy #
GOV3218	War and Peace #
GOV3219	Introduction to Computational Political Science (from 2024-25)
GOV4001	Seminar in International Political Economy
GOV4003	Comparative Judicial Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV4004	Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering (from 2020-21)
GOV4005	Religion and Political Conflicts (from 2020-21)
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration # (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV4007	Politics and Foreign Relations of Japan (titled as Politics and Government of Japan from 2020-21 to Term 1, 2022-23, coded and titled as SSC4316 Social Change and Politics in Japan in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV4303	Global Environmental Politics #
GOV4305	Chinese Foreign Policy # (titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4308	Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance #
GOV4309	Current Issues in International Politics #
GOV4319	International Politics of Northeast Asia #
GOV4320	International Politics of Southeast Asia #
POL3102	Fundamentals of Public Administration (not offered from 2020-21)
POL3204	International Law # (not offered from 2020-21)
POL4318	Selected Issues in Environmental Studies # (not offered from 2020-21)
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^   Cross-listed in PSY Major
*   Cross-listed in SPPS Stream
\#   Cross-listed in IEP Stream

Note: Course letter code "POL" is changed to "GOV" effective from the 2022-23 academic year, except POL3102, POL3204 and POL4318.

3. Discipline Major in Psychology

BSocSc students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after under the Discipline Major in Psychology with Counselling Psychology Concentration <u>are required</u> to complete five counselling-related courses (marked with "@" below) to declare the Concentration in Counselling Psychology. Other students under this Discipline Major who have completed the five courses are qualified for declaring the Concentration.

<u>Required Courses</u> (*4 in all*)

PSY3101	Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology I
PSY3201	Human Development and Psychology of Adulthood [@]
PSY3205	Social Psychology
PSY3209	Cognitive Psychology

<u>Elective Courses</u> (*Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level*)

PSY3001	Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices [@#]
PSY3102	Exploring Psychology in Western and Chinese Cultures
PSY3103	Psychology of Human Performance and Technology *
PSY3202	Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health *
PSY3206	Abnormal Psychology [@]
PSY3207	Health Psychology [#]
PSY3208	Personality and Individual Differences
PSY3301	Positive Psychology and Positive Living
PSY3332	Environmental Psychology *
PSY3333	Educational Psychology (from 2022-23)
PSY4001	Biological Psychology
PSY4002	Sensation and Perception
PSY4003	Psychological Testing and Assessment [@]
PSY4101	Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology II
PSY4102	Cross-cultural Psychology
PSY4103	Contemporary Issues in Psychology
PSY4310	Counseling Psychology [@]
PSY4325	Industrial and Organisational Psychology
PSY4326	The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour (from 2022-23)
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in POL Major
* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream
[#] Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

4. Discipline Major in Sociology

<u>Required Courses</u> (*4 in all*)

SOC3101	Sociological Research Methods **
SOC3201	Classical Sociological Theory
SOC3202	Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC3204	Society and Social Change

<u>Elective Courses</u> (*Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level*)

SOC3002	Family and Society **
SOC3003	Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities
SOC3004	Community and Society (titled as Community Studies in Term 1, 2020-21 or before)
SOC3102	Mass Communication
SOC3203	Social Gerontology * **
SOC3212	Hong Kong Society *

SOC3311	Urban Sociology *
SOC3318	Economic Change and Social Stratification (not offered from 2021-22)
SOC3323	Organisations and Bureaucracy
SOC3330	Crime and Delinquency
SOC3334	Science, Technology and Society
SOC3335	Housing and Society * (coded as SSC3002 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3336	Digital Society * (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3338	Social Stratification (from 2021-22)
SOC3340	Consumption and Society (from 2021-22)
SOC3341	Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers (from 2022-23)
SOC3342	Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector (from 2022-23)
SOC3343	Understanding Social Impact (from 2022-23)
SOC3344	Measuring Society (from 2024-25)
SOC4001	Historical Justice and Collective Memory
SOC4002	Gender and Society
SOC4101	Qualitative Research Methods
SOC4102	Public Opinion and Opinion Survey (not offered from 2024-25)
SOC4103	Social Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies
SOC4104	Special Topics in Sociological Analysis
SOC4213	Risk, Society and Modernity
SOC4217	Quantitative Research Methods (coded and titled as SOC3217 Statistics for Social Sciences from 2017-18 to 2019-20)
SOC4219	Methods and Practice of Social Survey (coded as SSC4219 in 2019-20 or before) (not offered from 2024-25)
SOC4321	Social Justice **
SOC4324	Work and Occupation
SOC4328	Ageing, Adaptation and Change * (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before) (from 2022-23)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream
** Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

5. Social and Public Policy Studies Stream

BSocSc students under the Social and Public Policy Studies Stream who have completed the four required courses in the SPPS Stream and five concentration courses (3 required courses marked with "@" and 2 out of 3 elective courses marked with "@@" below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Smart Cities and Digital Society.

Required Courses *(4 in all)*

ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy ^ or
SOC3001	Principles and Practice of Social Policy ##
SOC3203	Social Gerontology ** ##
SSC3102	Seminar in Social and Public Policy Issues
	Any ONE required methods course offered by the Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses *(Choose 7 in all)*

ECO3001	The Hong Kong Housing Market^
ECO3002	The Economics of the Digital Economy ^#@
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy ^
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^#
ECO3313	Urban Economics ^@@
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy ^# (from 2021-22)
GOV3208	Public Policy: Value and Processes ^^
GOV3214	Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^^
PSY3103	Psychology of Human Performance and Technology *@@

PSY3202	Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health *
PSY3332	Environmental Psychology *
SOC3212	Hong Kong Society **
SOC3311	Urban Sociology **@@
SOC3312	Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons in Hong Kong
SOC3320	Population Dynamics and Policy (coded as SSC3320 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3327	Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong (coded as SSC3327 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3335	Housing and Society ** (coded as SSC3002 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3336	Digital Society **@ (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3337	Smart Cities Seminar @ (coded as SSC3004 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4328	Ageing, Adaptation and Change ** (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before) (coded as SSC4328 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4329	Global Health ## (coded as SSC4339 in 2019-20 or before)
SSC3204	Public Expenditure and Cost Benefit Analysis (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC3218	Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3312	Health Policy ^##
SSC3315	Labour Market and Education Policy
SSC3317	Economics of Law and Public Policy (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4101	Environmental Issues and Policy # (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4301	Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in ECON Major
^^ Cross-listed in POL Major
* Cross-listed in PSY Major
** Cross-listed in SOC Major
Cross-listed in HSSM Stream
Cross-listed in IEP Stream

In addition to the above 5 Discipline Majors/Stream, the following Streams are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after.

6. Health and Social Services Management Stream

<u>Required Courses</u> (*4 in all*)

HSM3001	Introduction to Health and Social Care (from 2019-20)
HSM4001	Leading and Managing Health and Social Services (from 2019-20)
SOC3101	Sociological Research Methods ^
SOC4329	Global Health * (coded as SSC4339 in 2019-20 or before)

(Note: Students are required to take *HSM3001 Introduction to Health and Social Care*, *HSM4001 Leading and Managing Health and Social Services*, and *SOC3101 Sociological Research Methods* in their Year 3.)

<u>Elective Courses</u> (*Choose 7 in all*)

HSM3002	Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations (from 2019-20)
HSM3003	Big Data Analytics for Health and Social Service Management (from 2019-20)
HSM3004	Community-based Social Services (from 2019-20)
HSM4002	Health and Social Service Project (from 2019-20)
HRM4351	Management of Innovation and Change
PSY3001	Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices #
PSY3207	Health Psychology #
SOC3001	Principles and Practice of Social Policy *
SOC3002	Family and Society ^
SOC3203	Social Gerontology ^*
SOC4321	Social Justice ^

| SSC3312 | Health Policy ~* |
| VIS3255 | Art and Well-being (not offered from 2022-23) |

~ Cross-listed in ECON Major
# Cross-listed in PSY Major
^ Cross-listed in SOC Major
* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

7. International Economy and Politics Stream

<u>Required Courses</u> (*5 in all*)

ECO3214	Globalization and Economic Integration ^
GOV3205	Global Governance ^^
GOV3218	War and Peace ^^
SSC4207	International Political Economy ^
	Any ONE of the following 3 research methods courses offered by the Department of Economics and the Department of Government and International Affairs, i.e. ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics, ECO4203 Applied Econometrics or GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods

<u>Elective Courses</u> *(Choose 6 in all)*

<u>1. Global Economy Theme</u> *(Choose 3 in all)*

ECO3002	The Economics of the Digital Economy ^# (from 2020-21)
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^ #
ECO3213	China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy: the Greater Bay and beyond ^ (titled as China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy in 2018-19 or before)
ECO3218	Development Economics ^
ECO3314	Environmental Economics ^ (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4001	Economics of Markets and Regulations ^ (titled as Economics of Antitrust and Regulation in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
ECO4215	Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres ^ (deleted from 2020-21)
ECO4305	International Trade and Trade Policy ^ (titled as International Trade in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4306	International Finance ^
ECO4320	Game Theory and Strategic Behavior ^
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy ^# (from 2021-22)
SSC4101	Environmental Issues and Policy # (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4321	FDI and Multinationals in China (not offered from 2022-23)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

<u>2. Global Politics Theme</u> *(Choose 3 in all, but at least 1 in 4000-level)*

GOV3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^ (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before)
GOV3203	International Politics ^^
GOV3210	Comparative Politics ^^
GOV3216	American Foreign Policy ^^
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4303	Global Environmental Politics ^^
GOV4305	Chinese Foreign Policy ^^ (titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4308	Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance ^^
GOV4309	Current Issues in International Politics ^^
GOV4319	International Politics of Northeast Asia ^^
GOV4320	International Politics of Southeast Asia ^^
POL3204	International Law ^^ (not offered from 2020-21)

POL4318   Selected Issues in Environmental Studies ^^ (not offered from 2020-21)
SSC4319   Senior Thesis

^   Cross-listed in ECON Major
^^ Cross-listed in POL Major
#   Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

Free Electives

Students may select courses in any disciplines to obtain the total number of credits required for graduation, subject to timetable, course load and study scheme constraints.