

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2023-24 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.

| | 1 st Term | Number of Credits | | Total |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------|
| | | 1 st /2 nd Term | 2 nd Term | |
| FIRST YEAR | | | | |
| CCC8011 | | 3 | | 3 |
| CCC8012 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LCC1010 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LUE1001 | 3 | | | 3 |
| LUE1002 | | 3 | | 3 |
| ECO2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| (for all Majors except ECON Major students) | | | | |
| ECO2104 | 3 | | | 3 |
| (for ECON Major students) | | | | |
| ECO2105 | | | 3 | 3 |
| (for ECON Major students) | | | | |
| GOV2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| PSY2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| SOC2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| 1 ELE Elective ^{##} or Free Elective [@] for Group B students | | | | |
| | | 3 | | 3 |
| ^ 1 Cluster Course (for all Majors except ECON Major students) | | | | |
| | | | | 30 |
| SECOND YEAR | | | | |
| CCC8013 | | 3 | | 3 |
| CCC8014 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LCC2010 | | 3 | | 3 |
| | | | | 9 |

(R) denotes required course(s).

* Students are assigned to take CCC8011 and CCC8012 in the first year, and CCC8013 and CCC8014 in the second year (or the third year for those designated as Year 3 students upon admission).

Under the revamped English Language Enhancement (ELE) programme, students will be grouped under two streams. Group A students are those who obtained level 3 in HKDSE English or equivalent while Group B students are those who obtained level 4 or above in HKDSE English or equivalent. Students are encouraged to take their first required ELE course, viz. LUE1001 for Group A and LUE1002 for Group B, in First Term of Year 1. However, they are given the flexibility to take the respective courses in Second Term of Year 1. For Group A students who take LUE1001 in Second Term of Year 1, they should take LUE1002 in First Term of Year 2. For details, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

~ Students under Major in Economics are required to take ECO2104 in Term 1 of Year 1, and ECO2105 in Term 2 of Year 1.

Group A students have to take 1 ELE elective while Group B students have to take 2 ELE electives. ELE electives could be taken from the term in which LUE1002 is taken. For more details, please click <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

@ Students are required to take 27 credits of free electives.

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

| | | <u>Number of Credits</u> | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | 1 st | 1 st /2 nd | 2 nd | Total |
| | | <u>Term</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Term</u> | |
| SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS | | | | | |
| LUE4003 | Professional Communication in English for Social Sciences (R) | | 3 | | 3 |
| | + 4-5 Major Required Courses | | 12-15 | | 12-15 |
| | + 5-6 Major Electives | | 15-18 | | 15-18 |
| | ^ 4 Cluster Courses (for all Majors except ECON Major students), <u>or</u> | | 12-15 | | 12-15 |
| | ^ 5 Cluster Courses (for ECON Major students) | | | | |
| | | | | | 45 |
| THIRD YEAR | | | | | |
| SSC3319 | Junior Research Project (R) | | 3 | | 3 |
| FOURTH YEAR | | | | | |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis <u>or</u> 1 Major Elective | | 3 | | 3 |
| ANY YEAR | | | | | |
| | ELE Elective(s) ^{##} and/or Free Electives [@] (10 courses) | | 30 | | 30 |
| Minimum credits for Honours Degree: | | | | | 120 |

REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

Majors

Under the BSocSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 7 Majors:

1. Major in Economics

Required Courses (4 in all)

- ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis
- ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics
- ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics
- ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

(Note: Students are required to take *ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis* and *ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics* in Term 1 of Year 2, and *ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics* and *ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics* in Term 2 of Year 2.)

(R) denotes required course(s).

+ Students are recommended to complete all Major Required courses by the end of the third year. Students under Major in Government and International Affairs or Major in Sociology or Major in Social and Public Policy Studies are required to complete 4 Major required and 6 Major elective courses. Students under Major in Psychology or Major in Health and Social Services Management or Major in Global Studies are required to complete 5 Major required and 5 Major elective courses. Students under Major in Economics are required to complete 4 Major required and 5 Major elective courses. For more details, please refer to the Major structure.

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

Group A students have to take 1 ELE elective while Group B students have to take 2 ELE electives. ELE electives could be taken from the term in which LUE1002 is taken. For more details, please click <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

@ Students are required to take 27 credits of free electives.

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level)

| | |
|---------|---|
| ECO3001 | The Hong Kong Housing Market * |
| ECO3002 | The Economics of the Digital Economy *# |
| ECO3003 | Public Economics, Finance and Policymaking * |
| ECO3203 | Labour Economics |
| 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 # |
| ECO3214 | Globalisation and Economic Integration # |
| ECO3216 | Behavioural Economics |
| ECO3218 | Development Economics # |
| ECO3311 | Economics of the Family |
| ECO3313 | Urban Economics * |
| ECO4001 | Economics of Markets and Regulations # |
| ECO4002 | Economics of Law and Policy * |
| ECO4203 | Applied Econometrics |
| ECO4217 | Money and Banking |
| ECO4305 | International Trade and Trade Policy # |
| ECO4306 | International Finance # |
| ECO4316 | Industrial Economics and Competition Policy |
| ECO4320 | Game Theory and Strategic Behaviour # |
| ECO4323 | Financial Economics |
| ECO4324 | Environmental Economics and Policy *# |
| SSC2113 | Linear Algebra |
| SSC2114 | Calculus |
| SSC3312 | Health Policy *^ |
| SSC4207 | International Political Economy # |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

* Cross-listed in SPPS Major

^ Cross-listed in HSSM Major

Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

2. Major in Government and International Affairs

Required Courses (4 in all)

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

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

| | |
|---------|--|
| GOV3103 | Gender and Politics |
| GOV3104 | Media, Data and Politics |
| GOV3105 | Political Economy of Development |
| GOV3106 | Small States in World Politics |
| GOV3107 | Contemporary Asia Pacific # |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| GOV4004 | Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering |
| GOV4005 | Religion and Political Conflicts |
| GOV4006 | Regional Cooperation and Integration # |
| GOV4007 | Politics and Foreign Relations of Japan |
| GOV4303 | Global Environmental Politics # |
| GOV4305 | Chinese Foreign Policy # |
| 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 # |
| SSC3213 | Political Psychology and Behaviour ^ |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

^ Cross-listed in PSY Major

* Cross-listed in SPPS Major

Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

3. Major in Psychology

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

BSocSc students under the Major in Psychology who are not pursuing any other Concentration(s) and have completed the five courses related to I-O Psychology (4 required courses marked with “+” and 1 out of 3 elective courses marked with “++” below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Industrial and Organisational (I-O) Psychology.

Required Courses (5 in all)

| | |
|---------|---|
| PSY3101 | Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology I |
| PSY3201 | Human Development and Psychology of Adulthood @ |
| PSY3205 | Social Psychology + |
| PSY3209 | Cognitive Psychology |
| PSY4101 | Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology II |

Elective Courses (Choose 6 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 |
| PSY4001 | Biological Psychology |
| PSY4002 | Sensation and Perception |
| PSY4003 | Psychological Testing and Assessment @ + |
| PSY4102 | Cross-cultural Psychology ++ ## |
| PSY4103 | Contemporary Issues in Psychology |
| PSY4310 | Counseling Psychology @ |
| PSY4325 | Industrial and Organisational Psychology + |
| PSY4326 | The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour |
| SSC3213 | Political Psychology and Behaviour ^ |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

^ Cross-listed in GOV Major

- * Cross-listed in SPPS Major
- # Cross-listed in HSSM Major
- ## Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

4. Major in Sociology

BSocSc students under the Major in Sociology who have completed the five concentration courses (2 required courses marked with “@” and 3 out of 4 elective courses marked with “@@” below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Social Innovation and Social Studies.

Required Courses (4 in all)

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

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level and one research method course, either SOC4217 Quantitative Research Methods or SOC4101 Qualitative Research Methods)

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|---------|--|
| SOC3002 | Family and Society ** |
| SOC3003 | Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities @@ # |
| SOC3004 | Community and Society @@ |
| SOC3102 | Mass Communication |
| SOC3203 | Social Gerontology * ** |
| SOC3212 | Hong Kong Society * |
| SOC3311 | Urban Sociology * |
| SOC3323 | Organisations and Bureaucracy |
| SOC3330 | Crime and Delinquency |
| SOC3334 | Science, Technology and Society |
| SOC3335 | Housing and Society * |
| SOC3336 | Digital Society * # |
| SOC3338 | Social Stratification |
| SOC3340 | Consumption and Society |
| SOC3341 | Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers @ |
| SOC3342 | Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector @ |
| SOC3343 | Understanding Social Impact @@ |
| 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 |
| SOC4219 | Methods and Practice of Social Survey (not offered from 2024-25) |
| SOC4321 | Social Justice ** |
| SOC4324 | Work and Occupation |
| SOC4328 | Ageing, Adaptation and Change * @@ |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

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- ** Cross-listed in HSSM Major
- # Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

5. Major in Social and Public Policy Studies

BSocSc students under the Major in Social and Public Policy Studies who have completed the four required courses in the Major in SPPS 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 ^ <u>or</u> |
| SOC3001 | Principles and Practice of Social Policy ## |
| SOC3203 | Social Gerontology ** ## |
| SSC3102 | Seminar in Social and Public Policy Issues |

Any ONE of the 6 following methods courses offered by the Majors in the BSocSc Programme, i.e. ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics, ECO4203 Applied Econometrics, GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods, PSY3101 Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology I, SOC3101 Sociological Research Methods, or SOC4217 Quantitative Research Methods

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

| | |
|---------|--|
| ECO3001 | The Hong Kong Housing Market^ |
| ECO3002 | The Economics of the Digital Economy ^#@ |
| ECO3003 | Public Economics, Finance and Policymaking ^ |
| ECO3208 | Principles of Public Policy ^ |
| ECO3209 | The Hong Kong Economy ^# |
| ECO3313 | Urban Economics ^@@ |
| ECO4002 | Economics of Law and Policy ^ |
| ECO4324 | Environmental Economics and Policy ^# |
| 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 |
| SOC3327 | Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong |
| SOC3335 | Housing and Society ** |
| SOC3336 | Digital Society **@ # |
| SOC3337 | Smart Cities Seminar @ |
| SOC4328 | Ageing, Adaptation and Change ** |
| SOC4329 | Global Health # ## |
| SSC3218 | Environment and Society in Hong Kong |
| SSC3312 | Health Policy ^## |
| SSC3315 | Labour Market and Education Policy |
| SSC4301 | Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

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^^ Cross-listed in GOV Major

* Cross-listed in PSY Major

** Cross-listed in SOC Major

Cross-listed in HSSM Major

Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

6. Major in Health and Social Services Management

Required Courses (5 in all)

| | |
|---------|---|
| HSM3001 | Introduction to Health and Social Care |
| HSM4001 | Leading and Managing Health and Social Services |
| HSM4003 | Fundraising and Programme Evaluation |
| SOC3101 | Sociological Research Methods ^ |
| SOC4329 | Global Health * # |

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

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all, but at least 2 in 4000-level)

| | |
|---------|--|
| HSM3002 | Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations |
| HSM3004 | Community-based Social Services |
| HSM3005 | Modern Technology in Health and Social Services |
| HSM3006 | Human Resources in Health and Social Services |
| HSM4002 | Health and Social Service Project |
| HSM4004 | Social and Healthcare Policies in Hong Kong and China |
| HSM4005 | Social Innovation and Social Enterprises |
| 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 ~* |

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Cross-listed in PSY Major

^ Cross-listed in SOC Major

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Cross-listed in Global Studies Major

In addition to the above 6 Majors, the following Major is also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission.

7. Major in Global Studies

Required Courses (5 in all)

| | |
|---------|---|
| ECO3214 | Globalization and Economic Integration ^ |
| GOV3205 | Global Governance ^^ |
| GOV3218 | War and Peace ^^ |
| SSC4207 | International Political Economy ^ |
| | Any ONE of the following 2 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 or GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods |

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all)

1. Global Economy Theme (Choose 2 in all)

| | |
|---------|---|
| ECO3002 | The Economics of the Digital Economy ^# |
| ECO3209 | The Hong Kong Economy ^ # |
| ECO3213 | China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy: the Greater Bay and beyond ^ |
| ECO3218 | Development Economics ^ |
| ECO4001 | Economics of Markets and Regulations ^ |

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|---------|--|
| ECO4305 | International Trade and Trade Policy ^ |
| ECO4306 | International Finance ^ |
| ECO4320 | Game Theory and Strategic Behavior ^ |
| ECO4324 | Environmental Economics and Policy ^# |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

2. Global Politics Theme (Choose 2 in all, but at least 1 in 4000-level)

| | |
|---------|--|
| GOV3107 | Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^ |
| GOV3203 | International Politics ^^ |
| GOV3210 | Comparative Politics ^^ |
| GOV3216 | American Foreign Policy ^^ |
| GOV4006 | Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^ |
| GOV4303 | Global Environmental Politics ^^ |
| GOV4305 | Chinese Foreign Policy ^^ |
| 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 ^^ |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

3. Global Culture and Society Theme (Choose 2 in all)

| | |
|---------|--|
| PSY3102 | Exploring Psychology in Western and Chinese Culture ## |
| PSY4102 | Cross-cultural Psychology ## |
| SOC3003 | Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities * |
| SOC3336 | Digital Society # * |
| SOC4001 | Historical Justice and Collective Memory * |
| SOC4329 | Global Health # ** |
| ENG3272 | Intercultural Communication |
| ENG3375 | Cross-cultural Studies of Literature |
| HST1194 | East-West Value Clashes in Modern History |
| HST2261 | World Environmental History |
| HST3268 | Cities Across Civilizations |
| PHI1003 | Ethics: East and West |
| PHI3104 | Western Political Philosophy |

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^^ Cross-listed in GOV Major

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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.