

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2017-18 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.

	Number of Credits			Total
	1 st Term	1 st /2 nd Term	2 nd Term	
FIRST YEAR				
CCC8001 ^ Logic and Critical Thinking (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				
CCC8003 ^ Understanding Morality (R)		3		3
CCC8004 ^ World History and Civilisations (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
^ 6 Cluster Courses		18		18
				48
THIRD YEAR				
SSC3319 Junior Research Project (R)		3		3
FOURTH YEAR				
SSC4319 Senior Thesis		3		3
or 1 Discipline Major/Stream Elective				
ANY YEAR				
^ 7 Free Electives		21		21
				Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

(R) denotes required course(s).

^ For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section. Students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after should follow the revised Core Curriculum. Please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/core-curriculum> for more information. Students following the revised Core Curriculum should correspondingly take 9 free electives instead of 7. However, the actual number of free electives taken by senior year admittees varies depending on the number of credits transfer granted upon admission.

* Students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after 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 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.

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 4 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 * (from 2018-19)
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 * (coded and titled as SSC3313 Housing, Transportation, and Regional Development in 2017-18 or before)
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 2018-19)
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 CAPS Stream

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

- # Cross-listed in HSSM Stream
- ~ Cross-listed in IEP Stream

2. Discipline Major in Political Science

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 (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 ~
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 CAPS Stream
- * Cross-listed in SPPS Stream
- ~ Cross-listed in IEP Stream
- # Cross-listed in PSY Major

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 are required 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.

Required Courses (4 in all)

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

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

PSY3001	Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices @# (from 2018-19)
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 @ (from 2018-19)
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

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Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

~ Cross-listed in POL Major

4. Discipline Major in Sociology

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)

SOC3002	Family and Society # (from 2018-19)
SOC3003	Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities (from 2018-19)
SOC3004	Community and Society (titled as Community Studies in Term 1, 2020-21 or before) (from 2018-19)
SOC3102	Mass Communication
SOC3203	Social Gerontology * #
SOC3212	Hong Kong Society *

SOC3311	Urban Sociology *
SOC3318	Economic Change and Social Stratification (not offered from 2021-22)
SOC3319	Family, Gender and Society (deleted from 2018-19)
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) (from Term 2, 2017-18)
SOC3336	Digital Society * (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before) (from 2018-19)
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)
SOC4001	Historical Justice and Collective Memory
SOC4002	Gender and Society (from 2018-19)
SOC4101	Qualitative Research Methods
SOC4102	Public Opinion and Opinion Survey
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)
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

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Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

5. China and Asia Pacific Studies Stream

(not available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after)

Required Courses (4 in all)

GOV3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^~ (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before)
SSC3101	Asia Pacific and the World (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC3202	Contemporary China: Economics, Politics and Society (not offered from 2021-22) Any ONE required methods course offered by the Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

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)
GOV3201	Government and Politics of Contemporary China ^^
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)
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^~ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before)
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)

PSY3102	Exploring Psychology in Western and Chinese Cultures *
PSY4102	Cross-cultural Psychology *
SOC4103	Social Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies **
SOC3327	Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong # (coded as SSC3327 in 2019-20 or before)
SSC3212	Regional Development in Greater China (titled as Regional Development in China in 2018-19 or before) ^
SSC3218	Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC4207	International Political Economy ^~
SSC4304	Chinese Politics in the Reform Era (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis
SSC4321	FDI and Multinationals in China ~ (not offered from 2022-23)
SSC4327	One Country, Two Systems: Central-Hong Kong SAR Relationships (not offered from 2021-22)

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6. 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 @ ^ (from 2018-19)
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy ^
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^#~
ECO3313	Urban Economics @@ ^ (coded and titled as SSC3313 Housing, Transportation, and Regional Development in 2017-18 or before)
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 *@@ (from 2018-19)
PSY3202	Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health *
PSY3332	Environmental Psychology *
SOC3212	Hong Kong Society **
SOC3311	Urban Sociology **@@ (from 2018-19)
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) (from Term 2, 2017-18)

SOC3336	Digital Society **@ (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before) (from 2018-19)
SOC3337	Smart Cities Seminar @ (coded as SSC3004 in 2019-20 or before) (from 2018-19)
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
SSC4333	Health, Illness and Behaviour (deleted from Term 2, 2017-18)
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 CAPS Stream

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~ Cross-listed in IEP Stream

In addition to Discipline Majors in Economics, Political Science, Psychology (with Counselling Psychology Concentration), Sociology, and Social and Public Policy Studies Stream, the following Streams are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after.

7. Health and Social Services Management Stream

Required Courses (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)

Elective Courses (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)

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* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

8. International Economy and Politics Stream

Required Courses (5 in all)

ECO3214	Globalization and Economic Integration ^
GOV3205	Global Governance ^^
GOV3218	War and Peace ^^
SSC4207	International Political Economy ^ *

Any ONE required methods course offered by the Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all)

1. Global Economy Theme (Choose 3 in all)

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)
ECO4215	Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres ^
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

2. Global Politics Theme (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

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^^ Cross-listed in POL Major

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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.