

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2016-17 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
CCC8002 The Making of Hong Kong (R) (revised and recoded to CCC8012 from 2017-18)		3		3
LCC1010 Practical Chinese I (R)		3		3
LCE1010 English for Communication I (R)	3			3
LCE1020 English for Communication II (R) ^ 2 Cluster Courses			3	3
		6		6
				21
FIRST AND SECOND YEARS*				
ECO2101 Introduction to Economics (R)*		3		3
POL2101 Introduction to Political Science (R)*		3		3
PSY2101 Introduction to Psychology (R)*		3		3
SOC2101 Introduction to Sociology (R)*		3		3
				12
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) ^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3		3
		3-6		3-6
				18-21
THIRD YEAR				
SSC3319 Junior Research Project (R)		3		3
4 Discipline Major/Stream Required Courses		12		12
2 Discipline Major/Stream Electives		6		6
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
				24-27
THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS				
3 Discipline Major/Stream Electives		9		9
FOURTH YEAR				
SSC4319 Senior Thesis or 1 Discipline Major/Stream Elective		3		3
1 Discipline Major/Stream Elective		3		3
^ 1-2 Cluster Courses		3-6		3-6
				9-12

(R) denotes required course(s).

^ For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

* Students are required to complete these four Social Sciences foundation courses by the end of the first term of their second year.

ANY YEAR	Number of Credits			Total
	1 st Term	1 st /2 nd Term	2 nd Term	
7 Free Electives		21		21

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 and second years of study as their free electives.]

Discipline Majors and Streams

Under the BSocSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 4 Discipline Majors and 2 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) (coded as ECO3102 in 2016-17 or before)
ECO3105	Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics (titled as Introduction to Econometrics in 2018-19 or before) (coded as ECO3101 in 2016-17 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 * (from 2017-18)
ECO3203	Labour Economics (coded as ECO3103 in 2016-17 or before)
ECO3205	Economics of Taxation and Transfers (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy *
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^*
ECO3211	Chinese Economy (coded as ECO4211 in 2016-17 or before)
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) (coded as ECO4213 in 2016-17 or before)
ECO3214	Globalisation and Economic Integration
ECO3216	Behavioural Economics
ECO3218	Development Economics (titled as Economic Development in 2016-17 or before)
ECO3311	Economics of the Family
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)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis
SSC4207	International Political Economy ^ (from 2019-20)

^ Cross-listed in CAPS Stream

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

2. Discipline Major in Political Science

Required Courses (*4 in all*)

POL3101	Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods
POL3203	International Politics
POL3210	Comparative Politics
POL3217	Modern Political Ideologies

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

POL3102	Fundamentals of Public Administration (not offered from 2020-21)
POL3103	Gender and Politics (from 2020-21)
POL3104	Media, Data and Politics (from 2020-21)
POL3105	Political Economy of Development (from 2020-21)
POL3106	Small States in World Politics (from 2020-21)
POL3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific ^ (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
POL3201	Government and Politics of Contemporary China ^
POL3204	International Law (not offered from 2020-21)
POL3205	Global Governance
POL3208	Public Policy: Values and Processes *
POL3214	Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^*
POL3215	Taiwan: Politics and Society ^ (coded and titled as SSC3215 Taiwan: Society and Politics in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
POL3216	American Foreign Policy
POL3218	War and Peace
POL4001	Seminar in International Political Economy
POL4003	Comparative Judicial Politics (from 2020-21)
POL4004	Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering (from 2020-21)
POL4005	Religion and Political Conflicts (from 2020-21)
POL4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration ^ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
POL4007	Politics and Government of Japan ^ (coded and titled as SSC4316 Social Change and Politics in Japan in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
POL4303	Global Environmental Politics
POL4305	Chinese Foreign Policy (titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
POL4308	Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance
POL4309	Current Issues in International Politics
POL4318	Selected Issues in Environmental Studies (not offered from 2020-21)
POL4319	International Politics of Northeast Asia
POL4320	International Politics of Southeast Asia
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour #
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

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Cross-listed in PSY Major

3. Discipline Major in Psychology

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 *
PSY4001	Biological Psychology
PSY4002	Sensation and Perception (from 2017-18)
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
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour #
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

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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)
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, coded as SSC3217 in 2016-17 or before)
SOC4219	Methods and Practice of Social Survey (coded as SSC4219 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4321	Social Justice
SOC4324	Work and Occupation
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

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5. China and Asia Pacific Studies Stream

Required Courses (4 in all)

POL3107	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) (coded as ECO4213 in 2016-17 or before)
POL3201	Government and Politics of Contemporary China ^^
POL3214	Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^^#
POL3215	Taiwan: Politics and Society ^^ (coded and titled as SSC3215 Taiwan: Society and Politics in 2019-20 or before)
POL4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before)
POL4007	Politics and Government of Japan ^^ (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 *
SOC3327	Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong # (coded as SSC3327 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4103	Social Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies **
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

SSC4327 One Country, Two Systems: Central-Hong Kong SAR Relationships (not offered from 2021-22)

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^^ Cross-listed in POL Major

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6. Social and Public Policy Studies Stream

Required Courses (4 in all)

ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy ^ or
SOC3001 Principles and Practice of Social Policy (from 2017-18)
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^ (from 2017-18)
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)
POL3208 Public Policy: Value and Processes ^^ (from 2017-18)
POL3214 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 **
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, Modernisation and Adaptation (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
SOC3311 Urban Sociology ** (from 2018-19)
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

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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.