

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2019-20 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 | | | | |
| CCC8011 | | 3 | | 3 |
| CCC8012 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LCC1010 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LUE1001 | 3 | | | 3 |
| LUE1002 | | 3 | | 3 |
| ECO2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| POL2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| PSY2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| SOC2101 | | 3 | | 3 |
| 1 ELE Elective ^{##} or Free Elective [@] for Group B students | | 3 | | 3 |
| ^ 1 Cluster Course | | 3 | | 3 |
| | | | | <hr/> 30 |
| SECOND YEAR | | | | |
| CCC8013 | | 3 | | 3 |
| CCC8014 | | 3 | | 3 |
| LCC2010 | | 3 | | 3 |
| | | | | <hr/> 9 |
| 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 |
| | | | | <hr/> 42 |
| THIRD YEAR | | | | |
| SSC3319 | | 3 | | 3 |

(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). Unless with the approval of the Director of Core Curriculum and General Education, students are not allowed to drop these assigned courses in the designated year.

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>.

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.

+ 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.

| | 1 st Term | Number of Credits | | Total |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------|
| | | 1 st /2 nd Term | 2 nd Term | |
| THIRD TO FOURTH YEARS | | | | |
| LUE4003 Professional Communication in English for Social Sciences (R) (Term 2 of Year 3 or Term 1 of Year 4) | | 3 | | 3 |
| FOURTH YEAR | | | | |
| SSC4319 Senior Thesis or 1 Discipline Major/Stream 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 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 |
| 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 # |
| 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) |

(R) denotes required course(s).

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.

| | |
|---------|---|
| ECO4101 | Economics of Law (not offered from 2021-22) |
| ECO4203 | Applied Econometrics |
| ECO4215 | Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres # |
| 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 |
| SSC3312 | Health Policy *^ (from 2021-22) |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |
| SSC4207 | International Political Economy # |

* 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)

| | |
|---------|--|
| 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) |

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| POL4319 | International Politics of Northeast Asia # |
| POL4320 | International Politics of Southeast Asia # |
| SSC3213 | Political Psychology and Behaviour ^ |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

^ Cross-listed in PSY Major

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

Cross-listed in IEP Stream

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 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 @# |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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

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* (coded and titled as SOC3217 *Statistics for Social Sciences* from 2017-18 to 2019-20) or SOC4101 *Qualitative Research Methods*)

| | |
|---------|--|
| 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) |
| SOC4001 | Historical Justice and Collective Memory |
| SOC4002 | Gender and Society |
| 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 |
| 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 ^ <u>or</u> |
| 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) |
| POL3208 | Public Policy: Value and Processes ^^ |
| POL3214 | Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^^ |
| PSY3103 | Psychology of Human Performance and Technology *@@ |
| PSY3202 | Psychology Applied to Occupational Safety and Health * |
| PSY3332 | Environmental Psychology * |

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| 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, 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 |
| 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

Required Courses (4 in all)

| | |
|---------|---|
| HSM3001 | Introduction to Health and Social Care |
| HSM4001 | Leading and Managing Health and Social Services |
| 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.)

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

| | |
|---------|--|
| HSM3002 | Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations |
| HSM3003 | Big Data Analytics for Health and Social Service Management |
| HSM3004 | Community-based Social Services |
| HSM4002 | Health and Social Service Project |
| 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 |

~ 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

Required Courses (5 in all)

| | |
|---------|--|
| ECO3214 | Globalization and Economic Integration ^ |
| POL3205 | Global Governance ^^ |
| POL3218 | War and Peace ^^ |
| SSC4207 | International Political Economy ^ |

Any ONE of the following 3 research methods courses offered by the Department of Economics and Political Science Department, i.e. ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics, ECO4203 Applied Econometrics or POL3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all)

1. Global Economy Theme (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 ^ |
| 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 |
| SSC4319 | Senior Thesis |

2. Global Politics Theme (Choose 3 in all, but at least 1 in 4000-level)

| | |
|---------|---|
| POL3107 | Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^ (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before) |
| POL3203 | International Politics ^^ |
| POL3204 | International Law ^^ (not offered from 2020-21) |
| POL3210 | Comparative Politics ^^ |
| POL3216 | American Foreign Policy ^^ |
| POL4006 | Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before) |
| 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 ^^ |
| 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.