Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2020-21 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.

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(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](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](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 Major Required courses by the end of the third year.

Students under Major in Psychology or Major in International Economy and Politics are required to complete 5 Major required and 5 Major elective courses. For more details, please refer to the Major structure.
THIRD TO FOURTH YEARS

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(Term 2 of Year 3 or Term 1 of Year 4)

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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

   **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 ##
   - 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 *
   - ECO3314 Environmental Economics # (not offered from 2021-22)
   - ECO4001 Economics of Markets and Regulations #
   - ECO4002 Economics of Law and Policy *
   - ECO4203 Applied Econometrics

(R) denotes required course(s).

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@ Students are required to take 27 credits of free electives.
2. 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)**

- POL3103 Gender and Politics
- POL3104 Media, Data and Politics
- POL3105 Political Economy of Development
- POL3106 Small States in World Politics
- POL3107 Contemporary Asia Pacific *
- POL3201 Government and Politics of Contemporary China
- POL3205 Global Governance *
- POL3208 Public Policy: Values and Processes *
- POL3214 Government and Politics of Hong Kong *
- POL3215 Taiwan: Politics and Society
- POL3216 American Foreign Policy *
- POL3218 War and Peace *
- POL4001 Seminar in International Political Economy
- POL4003 Comparative Judicial Politics
- POL4004 Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering
- POL4005 Religion and Political Conflicts
- POL4006 Regional Cooperation and Integration *
- POL4007 Politics and Government of Japan
- POL4303 Global Environmental Politics *
- POL4305 Chinese Foreign Policy *
- POL4308 Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance *
- POL4309 Current Issues in International Politics *
- 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 Major
# Cross-listed in IEP 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.

**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 (from 2022-23)
- 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 (from 2022-23)
- SSC3213 Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
- SSC4319 Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in POL Major
* Cross-listed in SPPS Major
# Cross-listed in HSSM Major

4. 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 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 *
SOC3336 Digital Society *
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
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
SOC4219 Methods and Practice of Social Survey
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 Major
** Cross-listed in HSSM 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 ^ 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 Major in Economics, Major in Political Science, Major in Psychology, and Major in Sociology

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 ^# (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 *
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 ** (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before)
SOC4329  Global Health ##
SSC3218  Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3312  Health Policy ^##
SSC3315  Labour Market and Education Policy
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 Major
#  Cross-listed in IEP Major

In addition to the above 5 Majors, the following Majors* are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission.
(* for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, “Health and Social Services Management” and “International Economy and Politics” are Streams, instead of Majors.)

6. Major in Health and Social Services Management

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 *

(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
7. Major in International Economy and Politics

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 ^
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 ^
ECO4305  International Trade and Trade Policy ^
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 ^^
POL3203  International Politics ^^
POL3210  Comparative Politics ^^
POL3216  American Foreign Policy ^^
POL4006  Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^
POL4303  Global Environmental Politics ^^
POL4305  Chinese Foreign Policy ^^
POL4308  Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance ^^
POL4309  Current Issues in International Politics ^^
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 Major

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.