

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2021-22 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	Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R)*		3	3
CCC8012	The Making of Hong Kong (R)*		3	3
LCC1010	Chinese Communication I (R)		3	3
LUE1001	University English I (R) [#]	3		3
LUE1002	University English II (R) [#]		3	3
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
	1 ELE Elective ^{##} or Free Elective [@] for Group B students		3	3
	^ 1 Cluster Course		3	3
				30
SECOND YEAR				
CCC8013	The Process of Science (R)*		3	3
CCC8014	China in World History (R)*		3	3
LCC2010	Chinese Communication II (R)		3	3
				9
SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS				
	+ 4 Major Required Courses		12	12
	6 Major Electives		18	18
	^ 4 Cluster Courses		12	12
				42
THIRD YEAR				
SSC3319	Junior Research Project (R)		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).

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 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.

	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 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

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 *
ECO4001	Economics of Markets and Regulations #
ECO4002	Economics of Law and Policy *
ECO4203	Applied Econometrics

(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.

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 IEP Major

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 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 *
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
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
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
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
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 ^ <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, POL3101 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 ^#
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, Modernisation and Adaptation
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

^ 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

Cross-listed in PSY Major

^ Cross-listed in SOC Major

* Cross-listed in SPPS 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 ^
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 ^#
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.