Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2014-15 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).

^ 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.
**Number of Credits**

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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)**
   - ECO3101 Introduction to Econometrics
   - ECO3102 Quantitative Methods in Economics
   - ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics
   - ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

   **7 Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all, but at least 3 in 4000-level)**
   - ECO3103 Labour Economics
   - ECO3205 Economics of Taxation and Transfer
   - ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy *
   - ECO3209 The Hong Kong Economy ^*
   - ECO3214 Globalisation and Economic Integration
   - ECO3216 Behavioural Economics
   - ECO3311 Economics of the Family
   - ECO3314 Environmental Economics
   - ECO4101 Economics of Law
   - ECO4203 Applied Econometrics
   - ECO4211 Chinese Economy
   - ECO4213 China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy ^
   - ECO4217 Money and Banking
   - ECO4305 International Trade
   - ECO4306 International Finance
   - ECO4316 Industrial Economics and Competition Policy
   - ECO4320 Game Theory and Strategic Behaviour
   - ECO4323 Financial Economics
   - SSC4319 Senior Thesis

^ 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

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

- POL3102 Fundamentals of Public Administration
- POL3201 Government and Politics of Contemporary China ^
- POL3204 International Law
- POL3205 Global Governance
- POL3208 Public Policy: Values and Processes *
- POL3214 Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^*
- POL3216 American Foreign Policy
- POL3218 War and Peace
- POL4303 Global Environmental Politics
- POL4305 China in World Politics
- POL4308 Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance
- POL4309 Current Issues in International Politics
- POL4318 Selected Issues in Environmental Studies
- POL4319 International Politics of Northeast Asia
- POL4320 International Politics of Southeast Asia
- SSC3213 Political Psychology and Behaviour
- SSC4319 Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in CAPS Stream

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

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)**

- 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 *
- 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
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)

SOC3102 Mass Communication
SOC3203 Social Gerontology *
SOC3212 Hong Kong Society *
SOC3311 Urban Sociology
SOC3318 Economic Change and Social Stratification
SOC3319 Family, Gender and Society
SOC3323 Organisations and Bureaucracy
SOC3330 Crime and Delinquency
SOC3334 Science, Technology 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
SOC4321 Social Justice
SOC4324 Work and Occupation
SSC3217 Statistics for Social Sciences
SSC4219 Methods and Practice of Social Survey
SSC4319 Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in CAPS Stream
* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

5. China and Asia Pacific Studies Stream

Required Courses (4 in all)

SSC3101 Asia Pacific and the World
SSC3202 Contemporary China: Economics, Politics and Society
SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today
Any ONE required methods course offered by the Majors

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

ECO3209 The Hong Kong Economy ^
ECO4213 China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy ^
POL3201 Government and Politics of Contemporary China ^^
POL3214 Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^^^
PSY3102 Exploring Psychology in Western and Chinese Cultures *
PSY4102 Cross-cultural Psychology *
SOC4103 Social Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies **
SSC3212 Regional Development in China
SSC3215 Taiwan: Society and Politics
SSC3218  Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3327  Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong #
SSC4207  International Political Economy
SSC4304  Chinese Politics in the Reform Era
SSC4307  APEC and Regional Co-operation
SSC4316  Social Change and Politics in Japan
SSC4319  Senior Thesis
SSC4321  FDI and Multinationals in China
SSC4327  One Country, Two Systems: Central-Hong Kong SAR Relationships

^  Cross-listed in ECON Major
^^ Cross-listed in POL Major
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** Cross-listed in SOC Major
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6. Social and Public Policy Studies Stream

Required Courses (4 in all)

ECO3208  Principles of Public Policy ^ or
POL3208  Public Policy: Values and Processes ^^
SOC3203  Social Gerontology **
SSC3102  Seminar in Social and Public Policy Issues
Any ONE required methods course offered by the Majors

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

ECO3208  Principles of Public Policy ^
ECO3209  The Hong Kong Economy ^#
POL3208  Public Policy: Value and Processes ^^
POL3214  Government and Politics of Hong Kong ^^^#
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
SOC4339  Global Health
SSC3204  Public Expenditure and Cost Benefit Analysis
SSC3218  Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3312  Health Policy
SSC3313  Housing, Transportation, and Regional Development
SSC3315  Labour Market and Education Policy
SSC3317  Economics of Law and Public Policy
SSC3320  Population Dynamics and Policy
SSC3327  Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong #
SSC4101  Environmental Issues and Policy
SSC4301  Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice
SSC4328  Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation
SSC4333  Health, Illness and Behaviour
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.