Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2017-18 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 designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after should follow the revised Core Curriculum. Please refer to https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/corec.php for more information. Students following the revised Core Curriculum should correspondingly take 9 free electives instead of 7. However, the actual number of free electives taken by senior year admittees varies depending on the number of credits transfer granted upon admission.

# 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.
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[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 BSoSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 4 Discipline Majors and 4 Streams:

1. **Discipline Major in Economics**

   **Required Courses (4 in all)**
   
   - ECO3104 Quantitative Methods in Economics
   - ECO3105 Introduction to 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 * (from 2018-19)
   - ECO3203 Labour Economics
   - ECO3205 Economics of Taxation and Transfers
   - ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy *
   - ECO3209 The Hong Kong Economy ^**
   - ECO3211 Chinese Economy
   - ECO3213 China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy ^~
   - ECO3214 Globalisation and Economic Integration ~
   - ECO3216 Behavioural Economics
   - ECO3218 Development Economics ~
   - ECO3311 Economics of the Family
   - ECO3313 Urban Economics * (recoded and retitled from SSC3313 Housing, Transportation, and Regional Development from 2018-19)
   - ECO3314 Environmental Economics ~
   - ECO4001 Economics of Antitrust and Regulation (from 2018-19)
   - ECO4101 Economics of Law
   - ECO4203 Applied Econometrics
   - 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
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Cross-listed in SPPS 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
- 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 ~
- POL4001 Seminar in International Political Economy
- 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

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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)**

- 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
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# 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)**

- SOC3002  Family and Society (from 2018-19)
- SOC3003  Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities (from 2018-19)
- SOC3004  Community Studies (from 2018-19)
- SOC3102  Mass Communication
- SOC3203  Social Gerontology *
- SOC3212  Hong Kong Society *
- SOC3217  Statistics for Social Sciences
- SOC3311  Urban Sociology *
- SOC3318  Economic Change and Social Stratification
- SOC3319  Family, Gender and Society (deleted from 2018-19)
- SOC3323  Organisations and Bureaucracy
- SOC3330  Crime and Delinquency
- SOC3334  Science, Technology and Society
- 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
- SOC4321  Social Justice *
- SOC4324  Work and Occupation
- SSC3002  Housing and Society (from Term 2, 2017-18)
- SSC3003  Digital Society * (from 2018-19)
- SSC4219  Methods and Practice of Social Survey
- SSC4319  Senior Thesis

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# Cross-listed in HSSM Stream
5. China and Asia Pacific Studies Stream
(not available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after)

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 Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

ECO3209 The Hong Kong Economy ^~#
ECO3213 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
SSC3237 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

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6. 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 ^ 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 Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)

ECO3001 The Hong Kong Housing Market^
ECO3002 The Economics of the Digital Economy @ ^ (from 2018-19)
ECO3208 Principles of Public Policy ^
In addition to Discipline Majors in Economics, Political Science, Psychology (with Counselling Psychology Concentration), Sociology, and Social and Public Policy Studies Stream, the following Streams are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after.

7. Health and Social Services Management Stream

**Required Courses (4 in all)**

- HSM3001 Introduction to Health and Social Care (from 2019-20)
- HSM4001 Leading and Managing Health and Social Services (from 2019-20)
- SOC3101 Sociological Research Methods ^
- SSC4339 Global Health *

**Elective Courses (Choose 7 in all)**

- HSM3002 Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations (from 2019-20)
- HSM3003 Big Data Analytics for Health and Social Service Management (from 2019-20)
- HSM3004 Community-based Social Services (from 2019-20)
- HSM4002 Health and Social Service Project (from 2019-20)
- HRM4351 Management of Innovation and Change
- PSY3001 Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices #
- PSY3207 Health Psychology #
8. 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 required methods course offered by the Discipline Majors in this programme

Elective Courses (Choose 6 in all)

1. Global Economy Theme (Choose 3 in all)

ECO3209  The Hong Kong Economy ^#*
ECO3213  China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy ^*
ECO3218  Development Economics ^
ECO3314  Environmental Economics ^
ECO4215  Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres
ECO4305  International Trade ^
ECO4306  International Finance ^
ECO4320  Game Theory and Strategic Behavior ^
SSC4101  Environmental Issues 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)

POL3203  International Politics ^^
POL3204  International Law ^^
POL3210  Comparative Politics ^^
POL3216  American Foreign Policy ^^
POL4303  Global Environmental Politics ^^
POL4305  China in World Politics ^^
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SSC3203  Asia Pacific Today *
SSC4307  APEC and Regional Cooperation *
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.