Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2026-27 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			
		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
FIRST YEAR					
CCC8011	Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation (R)*		3		3
CCC8012	The Making of Hong Kong (R)*		3		3
CCC8015	Generative Artificial Intelligence (R)*		3		3
LCC1010	Chinese Communication I (R)		3		3
LUE1001	University English I (R)#	3			3
LUE1002	University English II (R)#		3		3
	4 Social Sciences Foundation Courses (R) ~ (for all Majors except SocDS Major students)		12		12
	2 Social Sciences Foundation Courses (R), and 2 SocDS Major Required Courses (R) ~~ (for SocDS Major students)		12		12
	1 ELE Elective## or Free Elective@ for Group B students		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
	1 Social Sciences Foundation Course (R) ~ (for ECON Major students)		3		3
	1 Social Sciences Foundation Course (R) ~~ (for SocDS Major students)		3		3
					9-12

(R) denotes required course(s).

* Students are assigned to take CCC8011, CCC8012 and CCC8015 in the first year, and CCC8013 and CCC8014 in the second 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.

~ In lieu of ECO2101, students under Major in Economics are required to take ECO2104 in Term 1 of Year 1, and ECO2105 in Term 2 of Year 1. In addition, they must take 2 out of 3 Social Sciences Foundation Courses (i.e. GOV2101, PSY2101 and/or SOC2101) in the first year, and the remaining one in the second year.

~ ~ Students under Major in Social Data Science are required to take 2 Major required courses (i.e. CDS1001 and CDS1004) in Year 1. In addition, they have to take 2 Social Sciences Foundation Courses (i.e. SDA1001 and ECO2101/GOV2101/PSY2101/SOC2101) in the first year, and the remaining one in the second year.

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 4 Cluster courses in total. For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

		Number of Credits			
SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS		1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
LUE4003	Professional Communication in English for Social Sciences (R)		3		3
	+ 2-5 Major Required Courses		6-15		6-15
	+ 5-7 Major Electives		15-21		15-21
	^ 4 Cluster Courses		12		12
					42-45
THIRD YEAR					
SSC3319	Junior Research Project (R)		3		3
FOURTH YEAR					
SSC4319	Senior Thesis		3		3
	or 1 Major Elective (for all Majors except SocDS Major students)				
SSC4319	Senior Thesis (R) (for SocDS Major students)		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 outside their Major in their first year of study as their free electives.]

Social Sciences Foundation Courses *(5 courses for Major in Economics, 3 courses for Major in Social Data Science, and 4 courses for the other 5 Majors)*

For students under Major in Government and International Affairs, Major in Psychology, Major in Sociology, Major in Social and Public Policy Studies, or Major in Health and Social Services Management (*4 in all*)

ECO2101 Introduction to Economics
GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science
PSY2101 Introduction to Psychology
SOC2101 Introduction to Sociology

(R) denotes required course(s).

+ Students are recommended to complete all Major Required courses by the end of the third year. Students under Major in Government and International Affairs or Major in Sociology or Major in Social and Public Policy Studies are required to complete 4 Major required and 6 Major elective courses. Students under Major in Psychology or Major in Health and Social Services Management are required to complete 5 Major required and 5 Major elective courses. Students under Major in Economics are required to complete 4 Major required and 5 Major elective courses. Students under Major in Social Data Science are required to complete 2 Major required and 7 Major elective courses. For more details, please refer to the Major structure.

^ Students are required to complete 4 Cluster courses in total. For details, please see the Core Curriculum Section.

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.

For students under Major in Economics (*5 in all*)

ECO2104 Introduction to Microeconomics
ECO2105 Introduction to Macroeconomics
GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science
PSY2101 Introduction to Psychology
SOC2101 Introduction to Sociology

For students under Major in Social Data Science (*3 in all*)

SDA1001 Introduction to Social Data Science
Any TWO of the following 4 foundation courses offered by the BSocSc Programme, i.e. ECO2101 Introduction to Economics, GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science, PSY2101 Introduction to Psychology, and/or SOC2101 Introduction to Sociology

Capstone Course *(I course for all 7 Majors)*

SSC3319 Junior Research Project

Majors

Under the BSocSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 7 Majors:

1. Major in Economics

From the 2025-26 academic year and onwards, BSocSc students under the Major in Economics who have completed the five concentration courses (marked with "@" below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Global Economics and Banking.

Required Courses (*4 in all*)

ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis %
ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics %
ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics %
ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics %
(Note: Students are required to take *ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis* and *ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics* in Term 1 of Year 2, and *ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics* and *ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics* in Term 2 of Year 2.)

Elective Courses *(Choose 6 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
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 SocDS Major

2. Major in Government and International Affairs

Required Courses (*4 in all*)

GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods %
GOV3203 International Politics %
GOV3210 Comparative Politics %
GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies %

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

GOV3103 Gender and Politics
GOV3104 Media, Data and Politics
GOV3105 Political Economy of Development
GOV3106 Small States in World Politics
GOV3107 Contemporary Asia Pacific
GOV3201 Government and Politics of Contemporary China
GOV3205 Global Governance
GOV3208 Public Policy: Values and Processes *
GOV3214 Government and Politics of Hong Kong *
GOV3215 Taiwan: Politics and Society
GOV3216 American Foreign Policy
GOV3218 War and Peace
GOV3219 Introduction to Computational Political Science %
GOV3221 Ethics and Public Affairs
GOV4001 Seminar in International Political Economy
GOV4003 Comparative Judicial Politics
GOV4004 Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering
GOV4005 Religion and Political Conflicts
GOV4006 Regional Cooperation and Integration
GOV4007 Politics and Foreign Relations of Japan
GOV4303 Global Environmental Politics
GOV4305 Chinese Foreign Policy
GOV4308 Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance
GOV4309 Current Issues in International Politics
GOV4319 International Politics of Northeast Asia
GOV4320 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 SocDS 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.

BSocSc students under the Major in Psychology who are not pursuing any other Concentration(s) and have completed the five courses related to I-O Psychology (4 required courses marked with "+" and 1 out of 3 elective courses marked with "++" below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Industrial and Organisational (I-O) Psychology.

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 +
PSY3210 Engineering Psychology and Human-Centered Design %
PSY3301 Positive Psychology and Positive Living
PSY3332 Environmental Psychology *
PSY3333 Educational 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 +
PSY4326 The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour
SSC3213 Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
SSC4319 Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in GOV Major
* Cross-listed in SPPS Major
# Cross-listed in HSSM Major
% Cross-listed in SocDS Major

4. Major in Sociology

BSocSc students under the Major in Sociology who have completed the five concentration courses (2 required courses marked with "@" and 3 out of 4 elective courses marked with "@@" below) are qualified for declaring the Concentration in Social Innovation and Social Studies.

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)*

SDA3001 Social Networks %
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 and Inequality
SOC3340 Consumption and Society
SOC3341 Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers ** @
SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector ** @
SOC3343 Understanding Social Impact ** @@
SOC3344 Measuring Society
SOC4001 Historical Justice and Collective Memory
SOC4002 Gender and Society
SOC4101 Qualitative Research Methods
SOC4103 Social Issues in Contemporary Chinese Societies
SOC4104 Special Topics in Sociological Analysis
SOC4213 Risk, Society and Modernity
SOC4217 Quantitative Research Methods
SOC4321 Social Justice **
SOC4324 Work and Occupation
SOC4328 Ageing, Adaptation and Change * ** @@
SOC4341 Integrative Seminar in Global Media and Society *
SSC4319 Senior Thesis

* Cross-listed in SPPS Major
** Cross-listed in HSSM Major
% Cross-listed in SocDS 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 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, GOV3101 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 ^
GOV3208 Public Policy: Value and Processes ^^
GOV3214 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 **@@
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 ** ##
SOC4329 Global Health ##
SOC4340 Digitisation and Datafication of Social Policy %
SOC4341 Integrative Seminar in Global Media and Society **
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 GOV Major
* Cross-listed in PSY Major
** Cross-listed in SOC Major
Cross-listed in HSSM Major
% Cross-listed in SocDS Major

6. Major in Health and Social Services Management

Required Courses *(5 in all)*

HSM3001 Introduction to Health and Social Care
HSM4001 Leading and Managing Health and Social Services
HSM4003 Fundraising and Programme Evaluation
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* in their Year 3.)

Elective Courses *(Choose 6 in all, but at least 2 in 4000-level)*

HSM3002 Health and Social Service Provisions for Special Populations
HSM3004 Community-based Social Services
HSM3005 Modern Technology in Health and Social Services
HSM3006 Human Resources in Health and Social Services
HSM4002 Health and Social Service Project
HSM4004 Social and Healthcare Policies in Hong Kong and China

PSY3001 Stress and Coping: Theory and Practices #
PSY3207 Health Psychology #
SOC3001 Principles and Practice of Social Policy *
SOC3002 Family and Society ^
SOC3203 Social Gerontology ^*
SOC3327 Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong *
SOC3335 Housing and Society ^*
SOC3341 Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers ^
SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector ^
SOC3343 Understanding Social Impact ^
SOC4321 Social Justice ^
SOC4328 Ageing, Adaptation and Change ^*
SSC3312 Health Policy ~*

~ Cross-listed in ECON Major
# Cross-listed in PSY Major
^ Cross-listed in SOC Major
* Cross-listed in SPPS Major
% Cross-listed in SocDS Major

7. Major in Social Data Science

Required Courses (*5 in all*)

CDS1001 Introduction to Programming for Data Science
CDS1004 Mathematical Fundamentals for Data Science
CDS2002 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
CDS3004 Data Mining
SSC4319 Senior Thesis
(Note: Students are required to take *CDS1001 Introduction to Programming for Data Science* and *CDS1004 Mathematical Fundamentals for Data Science* in Year 1, *CDS2002 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence* in Year 2, *CDS3004 Data Mining* in Year 3 or 4, and *SSC4319 Senior Thesis* in Year 4.)

Elective Courses (*7 in all*)

1. Social Data Science Electives *(Choose 2 electives if students select the Concentration in Psychology, or choose 3 electives if students select the other 3 Concentrations or opt out of any Concentrations)*

ECO3002 The Economics of the Digital Economy ^ #
GOV3219 Introduction to Computational Political Science ^^
PSY3103 Psychology of Human Performance and Technology * #
PSY3210 Engineering Psychology and Human-Centered Design *
SDA3001 Social Networks **
SOC3334 Science, Technology and Society **
SOC3336 Digital Society ** #
SOC4340 Digitisation and Datafication of Social Policy #

2. Concentration *(Choose 1 out of 4 Concentrations, and complete the set of courses in the chosen Concentration*)

A. Concentration in Economics (*4 in all*)

ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis ^
ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics ^
ECO3201 Intermediate Microeconomics ^
ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics ^

B. Concentration in Government and International Affairs (*4 in all*)

GOV3101	Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods ^^
GOV3203	International Politics ^^
GOV3210	Comparative Politics ^^
GOV3217	Modern Political Ideologies ^^

C. Concentration in Psychology (*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 *

D. Concentration in Sociology (*4 in all*)

SOC3101	Sociological Research Methods ** ##
SOC3201	Classical Sociological Theory **
SOC3202	Contemporary Sociological Theory **
SOC3204	Society and Social Change **

From 2026-27 academic year and onwards, and upon the approval by the Major Director and the Programme Director, BSocSc students under the Major in Social Data Science may choose to opt out of any Concentrations. These students are required to complete (a) ONE research methods course, i.e. ECO3104 Tools for Economic Analysis, ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics, GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods, PSY3101 Research Methods and Statistics for Psychology I, or SOC3101 Sociological Research Methods, and (b) ANY THREE courses other than the research methods courses from the list of courses presented under the Concentration Section.

^ Cross-listed in ECON Major
^^ Cross-listed in GOV Major
* Cross-listed in PSY Major
** Cross-listed in SOC Major
# Cross-listed in SPPS Major
Cross-listed in HSSM 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.