

Suggested Study Plan for First-Year BSocSc Students admitted in 2026-27
(Only applicable to SocDS Major students)

The normal study load of a full-time first year student should be 15 in a term and the maximum study load should be 30 credits in an academic year. **SocDS Major students** are advised to enroll in the following 10 courses (30 credits) in your first year of studies:

Course Category		Course Code and Title	No. of Credits	Courses to be taken in Term 1		Courses to be taken Term 2	
(Pre-assigned Courses ^{Note 1})							
Common Core		<u>CCC8011</u> Critical Thinking: Analysis and Argumentation	3	Either Term 1 or Term 2			
		<u>CCC8012</u> The Making of Hong Kong	3				Either Term 1 or Term 2
		<u>CCC8015</u> Generative Artificial Intelligence	3				
Foundation & Required Courses for SocDS Major Note 2		<u>SDA1001</u> Introduction to Social Data Science	3	✓	-		
		<u>CDS1001</u> Introduction to Programming for Data Science	3	✓	-		
		<u>CDS1004</u> Mathematical Fundamentals for Data Science	3	✓	-		
		<u>CDS2002</u> Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	3	-	✓		
(Input one of the following courses in your study plan)							
Social Sciences Foundation Courses Note 2		<u>ECO2101</u> Introduction to Economics	3	Either Term 1 or Term 2			
		<u>GOV2101</u> Introduction to Political Science	3				Either Term 1 or Term 2
		<u>PSY2101</u> Introduction to Psychology	3				
		<u>SOC2101</u> Introduction to Sociology	3				
(Input the remaining two courses in your study plan)							
Chinese Language		<u>LCC1010</u> Chinese Communication I	3	Either Term 1 or Term 2			
English Language Note 3	Group A Students	<u>LUE1001</u> University English I	3				
	Group B Students or Year 2 Entry Students	<u>LUE1002</u> University English II	3	Either Term 1 or Term 2			

Note 1:

For Year 1 entry students, the Registry has pre-assigned some courses in the study plan. **Do not change the pre-assigned courses in your study plan.** You can **input the remaining courses that you wish to take in your study plan.** **In case you do not have any pre-assigned courses in the study plan, you should input all ten courses that you wish to take in your study plan.**

For Year 2 entry students, you do not have any courses pre-assigned in the study plan. You should **input all ten courses that you wish to take in your study plan.**

Note 2:

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

Note 3:

For Year 1 entry students, 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. For details, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-curriculum>.

For Year 2 entry students, block credit transfer of 30 credits will be granted including 3 credits of English language course (normally LUE1001 University English I). For details about the block credit transfer framework, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/credit-transfer-and-course-exemption/applications-from-new-students-upon-admission>.

ELE elective courses should be taken when or after LUE1002 University English II is taken. For the list of ELE elective courses, please refer to <https://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/undergraduate-programmes/english-language-enhancement-ele-elective-courses>.