

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2019-20 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) (recoded to GOV2101 from 2022-23)		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				
LUE4003	Professional Communication in English for Social Sciences (R)		3	3
	+ 4 Discipline Major/Stream Required Courses		12	12
	6 Discipline Major/Stream Electives		18	18
	^ 4 Cluster Courses		12	12
				45
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 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.

	1 st Term	Number of Credits		Total
		1 st /2 nd Term	2 nd Term	
FOURTH YEAR				
SSC4319 Senior Thesis or 1 Discipline Major/Stream 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 Discipline Major/Stream required courses in their first year of study as their free electives.]

Discipline Majors and Streams

Under the BSocSc (Hons) Programme structure, there are 4 Discipline Majors and 3 Streams:

1. Discipline Major in Economics

Required Courses (4 in all)

ECO3104	Tools for Economic Analysis (titled as Quantitative Methods in Economics in 2019-20 or before)
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 *#
ECO3203	Labour Economics
ECO3205	Economics of Taxation and Transfers (not offered from 2021-22)
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 *
ECO3314	Environmental Economics # (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4001	Economics of Markets and Regulations # (titled as Economics of Antitrust and Regulation in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4101	Economics of Law (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4203	Applied Econometrics
ECO4215	Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres #
ECO4217	Money and Banking

(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.

ECO4305	International Trade and Trade Policy # (titled as International Trade in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4306	International Finance #
ECO4316	Industrial Economics and Competition Policy
ECO4320	Game Theory and Strategic Behaviour #
ECO4323	Financial Economics
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy *# (from 2021-22)
SSC2113	Linear Algebra (from 2021-22)
SSC2114	Calculus (from 2021-22)
SSC3212	Regional Development in Greater China
SSC3312	Health Policy *^ (from 2021-22)
SSC4207	International Political Economy #
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

^ Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

Cross-listed in IEP Stream

2. Discipline Major in Government and International Affairs *

(* The Discipline Major has been renamed from ‘Political Science’ to ‘Government and International Affairs’. Students currently under the Discipline Major in Political Science who would like to graduate with the name of “Political Science” could opt out of the change by a stipulated deadline.)

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 (from 2020-21)
GOV3104	Media, Data and Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV3105	Political Economy of Development (from 2020-21)
GOV3106	Small States in World Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific # (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
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 (coded and titled as SSC3215 Taiwan: Society and Politics in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV3216	American Foreign Policy #
GOV3218	War and Peace #
GOV4001	Seminar in International Political Economy
GOV4003	Comparative Judicial Politics (from 2020-21)
GOV4004	Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering (from 2020-21)
GOV4005	Religion and Political Conflicts (from 2020-21)
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration # (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV4007	Politics and Government of Japan (coded and titled as SSC4316 Social Change and Politics in Japan in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
GOV4303	Global Environmental Politics #
GOV4305	Chinese Foreign Policy # (titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4308	Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance #

Note: Course letter code “POL” is changed to “GOV” effective from the 2022-23 academic year, except POL3102, POL3204 and POL4318.

GOV4309	Current Issues in International Politics #
GOV4319	International Politics of Northeast Asia #
GOV4320	International Politics of Southeast Asia #
POL3102	Fundamentals of Public Administration (not offered from 2020-21)
POL3204	International Law # (not offered from 2020-21)
POL4318	Selected Issues in Environmental Studies # (not offered from 2020-21)
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in PSY Major

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

Cross-listed in IEP Stream

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 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 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)

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 *
PSY3333	Educational Psychology (from 2022-23)
PSY4001	Biological Psychology
PSY4002	Sensation and Perception
PSY4003	Psychological Testing and Assessment @
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
PSY4326	The Neuroscience of Social Behaviour (from 2022-23)
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour ^
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in GOV Major (renamed from POL Major)

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

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 and one research method course, either SOC4217 Quantitative Research Methods (coded and titled as SOC3217 Statistics for Social Sciences from 2017-18 to 2019-20) or SOC4101 Qualitative Research Methods)

SOC3002 Family and Society **
SOC3003 Ethnicity and Ethnic Minorities
SOC3004 Community and Society (titled as Community Studies in Term 1, 2020-21 or before)
SOC3102 Mass Communication
SOC3203 Social Gerontology * **
SOC3212 Hong Kong Society *
SOC3311 Urban Sociology *
SOC3318 Economic Change and Social Stratification (not offered from 2021-22)
SOC3323 Organisations and Bureaucracy
SOC3330 Crime and Delinquency
SOC3334 Science, Technology and Society
SOC3335 Housing and Society * (coded as SSC3002 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3336 Digital Society * (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3338 Social Stratification (from 2021-22)
SOC3340 Consumption and Society (from 2021-22)
SOC3341 Social Innovation Seminar: Dialogue with Change-Makers (from 2022-23)
SOC3342 Non-Profit Organizations and the Voluntary Sector (from 2022-23)
SOC3343 Understanding Social Impact (from 2022-23)
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 (coded and titled as SOC3217 Statistics for Social Sciences from 2017-18 to 2019-20)
SOC4219 Methods and Practice of Social Survey (coded as SSC4219 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4321 Social Justice **
SOC4324 Work and Occupation
SOC4328 Ageing, Adaptation and Change * (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before) (from 2022-23)
SSC4319 Senior Thesis

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

** Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

5. 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 ^{^#@}
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy [^]
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^{^#}
ECO3313	Urban Economics ^{^@@}
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy ^{^#} (from 2021-22)
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 ^{**@@}
SOC3312	Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons in Hong Kong
SOC3320	Population Dynamics and Policy (coded as SSC3320 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3327	Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong (coded as SSC3327 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3335	Housing and Society ^{**} (coded as SSC3002 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3336	Digital Society ^{**@} (coded as SSC3003 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC3337	Smart Cities Seminar [@] (coded as SSC3004 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4328	Ageing, Adaptation and Change ^{**} (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before) (coded as SSC4328 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4329	Global Health ^{###} (coded as SSC4339 in 2019-20 or before)
SSC3204	Public Expenditure and Cost Benefit Analysis (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC3218	Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3312	Health Policy ^{^###}
SSC3315	Labour Market and Education Policy
SSC3317	Economics of Law and Public Policy (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4101	Environmental Issues and Policy [#] (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4301	Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

[^] Cross-listed in ECON Major

^{^^} Cross-listed in GOV Major (renamed from POL Major)

^{*} Cross-listed in PSY Major

^{**} Cross-listed in SOC Major

^{###} Cross-listed in HSSM Stream

[#] Cross-listed in IEP Stream

In addition to the above 5 Discipline Majors/Stream, the following Streams are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20 and after.

6. Health and Social Services Management Stream

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 [*] (coded as SSC4339 in 2019-20 or before)

(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 (not offered from 2022-23)

~ Cross-listed in ECON Major

Cross-listed in PSY Major

^ Cross-listed in SOC Major

* Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

7. International Economy and Politics Stream

Required Courses (5 in all)

ECO3214	Globalization and Economic Integration ^
GOV3205	Global Governance ^^
GOV3218	War and Peace ^^
SSC4207	International Political Economy ^
	Any ONE of the following 3 research methods courses offered by the Department of Economics and the Department of Government and International Affairs, i.e. ECO3105 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics, ECO4203 Applied Econometrics or GOV3101 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 ^# (from 2020-21)
ECO3209	The Hong Kong Economy ^ #
ECO3213	China, Hong Kong, and the World Economy: the Greater Bay and beyond ^
ECO3218	Development Economics ^
ECO3314	Environmental Economics ^ (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO4001	Economics of Markets and Regulations ^ (titled as Economics of Antitrust and Regulation in 2019-20 or before) (from 2020-21)
ECO4215	Comparative Studies of International Financial Centres (deleted from 2020-21) ^
ECO4305	International Trade and Trade Policy ^ (titled as International Trade in 2019-20 or before)
ECO4306	International Finance ^
ECO4320	Game Theory and Strategic Behavior ^
ECO4324	Environmental Economics and Policy ^# (from 2021-22)
SSC4101	Environmental Issues and Policy # (not offered from 2021-22)
SSC4321	FDI and Multinationals in China
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

2. Global Politics Theme (Choose 3 in all, but at least 1 in 4000-level)

GOV3107	Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^ (coded and titled as SSC3203 Asia Pacific Today in 2019-20 or before)
GOV3203	International Politics ^^
GOV3210	Comparative Politics ^^
GOV3216	American Foreign Policy ^^
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^ (coded and titled as SSC4307 APEC and Regional Co-operation in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4303	Global Environmental Politics ^^

GOV4305	Chinese Foreign Policy ^^ (titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
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 ^^
POL3204	International Law ^^ (not offered from 2020-21)
POL4318	Selected Issues in Environmental Studies ^^ (not offered from 2020-21)
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

^ Cross-listed in ECON Major

^^ Cross-listed in GOV Major (renamed from POL Major)

Cross-listed in SPPS Stream

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.