Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)

Programme Structure for 2020-21 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
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 Major Required Courses		12		12
	6 Major 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 Major Required courses by the end of the third year.
   Students under Major in Psychology or Major in International Economy and Politics are required to complete 5 Major required and 5 Major elective courses.   For more details, please refer to the Major structure.

	Number of Credits			
	1st Term	1st/2nd Term	2nd Term	Total
FOURTH YEAR				
SSC4319 Senior Thesis			3	3
<u>or</u> 1 Major Elective				
ANY YEAR				
ELE Elective(s)## and/or Free Electives@		30		30
(10 courses)				

Minimum credits for Honours Degree: 120

REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

[Note: Students are not advised to take any Major required courses in their first year of study as their free electives.]

Majors

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

1. Major in Economics

Required Courses (*4 in all*)

ECO3104	Tools for Economic Analysis
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 *#
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 *
ECO3314	Environmental Economics # (not offered from 2021-22)
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

(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.

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)
SSC3312	Health Policy *[^] (from 2021-22)
SSC4207	International Political Economy [#]
SSC4319	Senior Thesis

*   Cross-listed in SPPS Major
[^]   Cross-listed in HSSM Major
[#]   Cross-listed in IEP Major

2. Major in Government and International Affairs*

(* The Major has been renamed from 'Political Science' to 'Government and International Affairs'. Students currently under the 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
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 (from 2024-25)
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 (titled as Politics and Government of Japan in Term 1, 2022-23 or before)
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 IEP Major

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

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.

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
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 [@]
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 Major
[#] Cross-listed in HSSM Major

4. 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 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 *
SOC3336	Digital Society *
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)
SOC3344	Measuring Society (from 2024-25)
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
SOC4219	Methods and Practice of Social Survey
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 Major
** Cross-listed in HSSM 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 required methods course offered by the Major in Economics, Major in Government and International Affairs (renamed from Major in Political Science), Major in Psychology, and Major in Sociology

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 ^# (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
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 ** (titled as Ageing, Modernisation and Adaptation in Term 1, 2021-22 or before)
SOC4329	Global Health ##
SSC3218	Environment and Society in Hong Kong
SSC3312	Health Policy ^##
SSC3315	Labour Market and Education Policy
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 Major
Cross-listed in IEP Major

In addition to the above 5 Majors, the following Majors* are also available for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission.
(* for students designated as Year 3 students upon admission in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, "Health and Social Services Management" and "International Economy and Politics" are Streams, instead of Majors.)

6. Major in Health and Social Services Management

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 *

(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 Major

7. Major in International Economy and Politics

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 ^#
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 ^
ECO4305   International Trade and Trade Policy ^
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 (not offered from 2022-23)
SSC4319   Senior Thesis

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

GOV3107   Contemporary Asia Pacific ^^
GOV3203   International Politics ^^
GOV3210   Comparative Politics ^^
GOV3216   American Foreign Policy ^^
GOV4006   Regional Cooperation and Integration ^^
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 ^^
SSC4319   Senior Thesis

^   Cross-listed in ECON Major
^^ Cross-listed in GOV Major (renamed from POL Major)
#   Cross-listed in SPPS 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.