

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Recommended Study Pathways for BSocSc Students
for the 2024-2025 cohort

Students in this curriculum may choose to major in one of the five core disciplines: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Social Policy and Social Development, and Sociology. Students may also opt for a double major in multidisciplinary options such as Cognitive Science, Counselling, Criminology, Media and Cultural Studies, Neuroscience, Psychology, Urban Governance and other majors offered by the University. Students can choose to combine a major with one or two minors.

	UGS requirements				Disciplinary major								Free electives / other major / minor		Sub-total									
	Common Core courses	No. of credits	Language Courses	No. of credits	China Studies	No. of credits	Geography	No. of credits	Politics and Public Administration	No. of credits	Social Policy and Social Development	No. of credits	Sociology	No. of credits	Free Electives	No. of credits	Yearly enrolled no. of credits							
Year I	6 Common Core courses ¹	36	English CAES1000 Core University English Chinese CUND9002 or CUND9003 (for Putonghua speaking students only)	6-12	1 Introductory discipline course SINO1003	6	1 Introductory discipline course GEOG1002 or GEOG1003 or GEOG1005 or GEOG1012 or GEOG1016 or GEOG1017 or GEOG1020 or GEOG1022	6	Introductory discipline course POLI1003	6	Introductory discipline course SOWK1015	6	Introductory discipline course SOCI1001 or SOCI1003 or SOCI1004	6	Free Elective course 1. For students with 2nd major (72 credits), they should take 18 credits of free electives courses; 2. For students with a minor (36 credits), they should take 54 credits of free electives courses; 3. For students without 2nd major or minor, they should take 90 credits of free electives courses.	90								
					2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12				2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ⁴	12					
Sub-total					6-12		18		18		18		18					18				60		
Year II					English in the Discipline course CAES9921 or CAES9922 or CAES9923 or CAES9930	6-12	2 Advanced core courses SINO2003 (compulsory) GEOG2120 or POLI2104 or SOCI3030 or SOWK2143 (choose 1)	12	2 Advanced disciplinary courses (include one methods-related course)	12	3 Advanced core courses POLI2104 (compulsory) POLI2105 or POLI2106 or POLI2107 or POLI2108 (choose 2)	18	2 Advanced compulsory courses SOWK2141 or SOWK2142 or SOWK2143 or SOWK2144 (choose 2)	12				2 Advanced compulsory courses SOCI2001 and SOCI2030 / SOCI2095	12					
							Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12	Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12	Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12	Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12				Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12	Social Innovation Requirement ⁷ FOSS2018	12			
Sub-total									24		24		30					24		24				60
Year III							Chinese CSC9001 Practical Chinese for Social Sciences Students (for Cantonese speaking students)	6-12	1 Advanced disciplinary course listed under 'Core electives' or 'other electives'	6	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	3 Advanced disciplinary courses	18				2 Advanced compulsory courses SOWK2141 or SOWK2142 or SOWK2143 or SOWK2144 (choose 2) and 1-2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	2 Advanced compulsory courses SOCI3024 and SOCI3042	12			
					Credit transfer on Exchange 12 credits as advanced disciplinary electives 12 credits of advanced courses for Global Citizenship requirement	24	Global Citizenship Requirement ⁷ FOSS2019 or 12 credits of advanced courses by credit transfer on exchange		12	Global Citizenship Requirement ⁷ FOSS2019 or 12 credits of advanced courses by credit transfer on exchange	12	Global Citizenship Requirement ⁷ FOSS2019 or 12 credits of advanced courses by credit transfer on exchange	12	Global Citizenship Requirement ⁷ FOSS2019 or 12 credits of advanced courses by credit transfer on exchange				12	Global Citizenship Requirement ⁷ FOSS2019 or 12 credits of advanced courses by credit transfer on exchange	12				
Sub-total				36		6-12		30		24		30		24					24				60	
Year IV							3 Advanced disciplinary courses listed under 'Core electives'	18	2-4 Advanced disciplinary courses	12-24	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	2-3 Advanced disciplinary courses ⁵	24				2 Advanced core courses ⁶ and 2 Advanced disciplinary courses	24					
			Capstone Experience SINO3002	6	Capstone Experience GEOG4001 (6 credits) or GEOG4002 (6 credits) or GEOG4003 (12 credits)	6-18	Capstone Experience POLI4092 or POLI4109	6	Capstone Experience SOWK4011	6	Capstone Experience SOCI4095	6	Capstone Experience SOCI4095	6										
Sub-total		0		0		24		30		18		30		30				60						
Total		36		18		96		96		96		96		96		90		240						

- Remarks
- The programme syllabuses are available at the Faculty website at <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/reg>.
 - Each course carries 6 credits, unless specified otherwise.
 - Students are requested to select not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry.
 - Students are requested to choose the introductory pre-requisites courses offered by the core departments under the Faculty, excluding your major department. Please refer to the BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - For students majoring in Social Policy and Social Development, you should complete no more than two courses under category B 'Research and Methodology' to fulfill the credits under Disciplinary Electives. Please refer to the BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - For students majoring in Sociology, you are required to select 2 courses from the advanced core course list. Please refer to the BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - Students are requested to complete 12 credits of Social Innovation Requirement and 12 credits of Global Citizenship Requirement.
FOSS2018 Social Innovation internship (12 credits);
FOSS2019 Global Citizenship internship (12 credits), or a combination of two 6-credit endorsed experiential learning courses, or undertake 12 credits of advanced courses on exchange studies or on an overseas summer programme approved by the Faculty.

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	Second major												No. of credits	
	Cognitive Science	No. of credits	Counselling	No. of credits	Criminology	No. of credits	Media and Cultural Studies	No. of credits	Neuroscience	No. of credits	Psychology	No. of credits		Urban Governance
Year I	2 Introductory discipline courses PSYC1001 and <i>ONE from the list below: COMP 1117 or LING1000 or LING2034 or PHIL1012 (For Psychology major students, you need to take an extra 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective to replace PSYC1001.)</i>	12	Introductory discipline course SOWK1004 or SOWK1012	6	Introductory discipline course SOCI1001	6	Introductory discipline course SOCI1001 or 1004	6	Introductory discipline course PSYC1001 <i>(For Psychology major students, you need to take an extra 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective to replace PSYC1001.)</i>	0-6	1 Introductory discipline course PSYC1001 and 1 Introductory pre-requisites course ³	12	1 Introductory discipline course GEOG1002 or GEOG1003 or GEOG1005 or GEOG1012 or GEOG1016 or GEOG1017 or GEOG1020 or GEOG1022	6
	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ³	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ³	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ³	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ³	12	2 Introductory pre-requisite courses from the list below ⁶ , 1) pre-requisites of BIOL3105 ⁵ 2) pre-requisites of BBMS3011 ^b 3) pre-requisite of BBMS3012 ^c 4) pre-requisite of BMED3501 ^d 5) pre-requisite of PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience (for non-psychology major students only) ^e 6) other introductory courses from any faculties ^f (Non-BSocSc students must take PSYC1004 as one of the introductory pre-requisite courses.)	12	1 Introductory discipline course PSYC1004 and 1 Introductory pre-requisites course ³	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses ³	12
Sub-total		24		18		18		18		12-18		24		18
Year II	Advanced core course PSYC2066 ⁸	6	2 Advanced core courses SOWK2137 and SOWK2138	12	Advanced compulsory course SOCI2071	6	Advanced compulsory course SOCI2080	6	2 Advanced core courses PSYC2101 and PSYC2103	12	3 Advanced disciplinary core courses ⁹	18	2 Advanced core/disciplinary courses ⁴	12
	1 Advanced disciplinary course	6	1 Advanced disciplinary courses	6	2 Advanced core courses (one from each Group)	12	2 Advanced core courses (one from each Group)	12	1 Advanced disciplinary electives listed under "First Stream" and/or "Second Stream" ^{7a}	6				
Sub-total		12		18		18		18		18		18		12
Year III	Advanced core course PSYC2067 ⁸	6	Advanced core course SOWK3116	6	3 Advanced disciplinary courses listed under 'Department of Sociology'	18	3 Advanced disciplinary courses ⁵	18	2 Advanced core courses PSYC2111 and PSYC3054	12	3 Advanced disciplinary core courses ⁹	18	2 Advanced core/disciplinary courses ⁴	12
	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12					2 Advanced disciplinary electives listed under "First Stream" and/or "Second Stream" ^{7a}	12				
Sub-total		18		18		18		18		24		18		12
Year IV	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	2 Advanced disciplinary courses	12	2 Advanced disciplinary courses listed under 'Other Department'	12	2 Advanced disciplinary courses ⁵	12	Advanced disciplinary elective listed under "First Stream" or "Second Stream" ^{7a} <i>(2 courses for Psychology major students while 1 course for non-Psychology major students)</i>	6-12	1 Advanced disciplinary elective course ⁹	6	4 Advanced core/disciplinary courses ⁴	24
	<u>Capstone Experience</u> PSYC4068	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> SOWK4009	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> SOCI4096	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> SOCI4098	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> PSYC3061 or PSYC3068 or PSYC4102	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> PSYC3051 or PSYC3052 or PSYC3053 or PSYC3054 or PSYC3061 or PSYC3064 or PSYC3068	6	<u>Capstone Experience</u> GEOG4001 or GEOG4004	6
Sub-total		18		24		18		18		12-18		12		30
Total		72		72		72		72		72		72		72

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 - Each course carries 6 credits, unless specified otherwise.
 - Students are requested to choose the introductory pre-requisites courses offered by the core departments under the Faculty, excluding your major department. Please refer to the BSocSc/BPsych programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - For students majoring in Urban Governance, you are required to select 3 courses from the advanced core course list. Please refer to the BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - For students majoring in Media and Cultural Studies, you should select not more than 2 courses from any single department from the advanced course list. Please refer to the BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
 - Students should bear in mind the pre-requisite requirements for courses listed in the "Disciplinary Electives" (See below courses), and take the relevant requisite courses as necessary. Students are reminded to take note that you may need to use 6 to 18 credits for taking relevant pre-requisite(s) which are counted as free elective(s) outside neuroscience curriculum. However, if you have already completed the pre-requisite(s) concerned at you first major, the implication of pre-requisite requirements in Neuroscience Major on students' course selection and study load would be minimized.
 - Pre-requisites of BIOL3105: BIOL2103/BIOL2220/BIOC2600/MEDE2301 [(Pre-requisites of BIOL2103&BIOL2220: BIOL1110) & (Pre-requisite of BIOC2600: BIOC1600/BIOL1110/ENGG1207/BMED1207)]
 - Pre-requisites of BBMS3011: BBMS1001/BIOL1110/BIOC2600/BIOL2220/BMED2302/PSYC2101/PSYC2110 [(Pre-requisite of BIOC2600: BIOC1600/BIOL1110/ENGG1207/BMED1207) & (Pre-requisite of BIOL2220: BIOL1110)]
 - Pre-requisite of BBMS3012: BIOC2600/BIOC2220/BIOL3401/BBMS2007/BBMS3002/BMED2301 [(Pre-requisite of BIOC2600: BIOC1600/BIOL1110/ENGG1207/BMED1207) & (Pre-requisite of BIOL2220: BIOL1110) & (Pre-requisite of BIOL3401: BIOC2600/BIOL2103/BIOL2220/BMED2301) & (Pre-requisite of BBMS2007: BBMS1003/BIOC1600/BMED1207/BIOL1110) & (Pre-requisite of BBMS3002: BBMS1001 or either one from BBMS1011 or BBMS2001)]
 - Pre-requisite of BMED3501: BMED2500/ELEC3241
 - Pre-requisites of PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience: PSYC2060# and PSYC2101-Foundation of neuroscience (Pre-requisites of PSYC2060: PSYC1001 and PSYC1004)
 - [#A waiver on pre-requisite course (PSYC2060) will be granted for students taking [PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience] if the students have taken similar research methods course in their first major (equivalent to PSYC2060). Students shall approach the Department of Psychology for application.]*
 - Students must complete two prerequisite courses at the introductory level, and the taking of such courses is subject to academic advising and prior approval of the Department of Psychology. First and foremost, these 12 credits must be utilized to fulfill the prerequisite requirements of "Disciplinary Electives", and also to ensure that all components of the major are academically coherent.
 - For selection of disciplinary electives under "Second Stream", students should select at least one course that is not from the Department of Psychology. Each course carries 6 credits, however, if students take PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience, the course carries 12 credits
 - The core courses PSYC2066 and PSYC2067 will be offered in alternating years. Students may take the core course PSYC2066 in Year III and PSYC2067 in Year IV, subject to the course offering.
 - For BSocSc students majoring in Psychology, please refer to the BPsych programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.