

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Courses offered to Exchange/Visiting Students in the 2025-2026 Academic Year

Important Notes:

1. *The course list is for reference only. Actual enrolment is subject to the availability of courses, quota and class schedule. The information could be changed without prior notice.*
2. *For course details, please refer to the websites of the offering departments. For courses offered by other faculties, you are required to check with the course offering department directly about your eligibility of taking the course.*
3. *For courses with an asterisk (*), an approval from the offering departments is required as the offering departments have to check (a) whether the students have fulfilled the pre-requisite and/or (b) the availability of course quota. The successful course enrollment record will be shown on the Student Information System (SIS) upon the approval from the department.*
4. *Students who wish to take the following courses are required to send an email to the course offering department for approval two weeks before the course enrollment period. Upon approval, the students should forward the approval email to the Faculty Office via email (socii@hku.hk) and the Faculty Office will enroll the course for you.*

Course Code	Course offering department	Email
PSYC2072	Department of Psychology	ugpsyc@hku.hk
PSYC2073		

5. *Social Sciences students are required to enroll at least 50% of courses offered by our Faculty; otherwise, you are required to transfer to another Faculty.*
6. *The normal credit load at HKU is 30 credits (i.e. 5 courses because each HKU course carries 6 credits) per semester. The minimum and maximum load are 24 credits and 36 credits respectively.*
7. *Should students encounter any difficulties in course enrollment, please contact the Faculty Office at socii@hku.hk.*

Faculty of Social Sciences (<https://www.socsc.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
BASC2002	Understanding Race and Racism: Histories, Biologies and Identities	6	I
BASC3100	Transformative Learning and Experiential Integration in International Contexts	6	I
BASC2001	Leadership Development and Coaching: Essential Skills for Undergraduates	6	II
BASC3200	Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies I: Vulnerability Reframed: Unlocking Disability's Potential	6	II
BASC3300	Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies II: Human, Animal and Planetary Wellness in Practice	6	II

Department of Geography (<https://geog.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
GEOG2013	Sustainable Development: Introduction and Quantification	6	I
GEOG2018	Transport Geography	6	I
GEOG2030	Global development	6	I
GEOG2090	Introduction to geographic information systems	6	I
GEOG2120	Introductory Spatial Analysis	6	I
GEOG2124	Environmental Change and Socio-political Conflicts	6	I
GEOG2126	Understanding China: the land and the people	6	I
GEOG2127	Environmental management	6	I
GEOG2146	Environmental Modelling for Climate Change and Air Quality	6	I
GEOG2147	Building smart cities with GIS	6	I
GEOG2150	Introduction to China's Environment and Sustainable Development Issues	6	I
GEOG2153	Smartphones, K-Pop, and Kimchi: South Korea Beyond the Miracle	6	I
GEOG2169	Geography and global health	6	I
GEOG3214	Corporate social responsibility and environmental auditing	6	I
GEOG3414	Social Justice and the City	6	I
GEOG3432	GIS Workshop	6	I
GEOG4008	Research Frontiers in Physical Geography - Part A	6	I
GEOG4010	Research Frontiers in Human Geography - Part A	6	I
GEOG4012	Advanced GIS	6	I

GEOG2004	Atmospheric Environment and Global Climate	6	II
GEOG2055	Water Resources and Management	6	II
GEOG2057	Leisure and recreation in modern society	6	II
GEOG2078	Cities and the Urban World: a Global Introduction to Urban Geography	6	II
GEOG2096	Human Impacts on Ecosystems	6	II
GEOG2128	Economic Geography	6	II
GEOG2130	Field Methods in Geography	6	II
GEOG2138	Hong Kong's Environment: Issues and Policies	6	II
GEOG2152	Health and medical geography	6	II
GEOG2156	Understanding Global Environmental Changes from Images	6	II
GEOG2160	Sustainable Waste Management and Circular Economy in Hong Kong	6	II
GEOG2161	Human-nature Interaction for Sustainability Analysis and Management	6	II
GEOG2164	The creative city	6	II
GEOG3104	Globalizing China: Development issues	6	II
GEOG3203	Climate Change and the Environment	6	II
GEOG3205	Environmental Hazards	6	II
GEOG3304	Tourism policy and planning	6	II
GEOG3417	Health, Wellbeing, Place and GIS	6	II
GEOG3422	Contemporary Urban Transportation Issues	6	II
GEOG3431	Advanced GIS	6	II
GEOG3433	Applied Geostatistics for Urban Studies	6	II
GEOG4009	Research Frontiers in Physical Geography - Part B	6	II
GEOG4011	Research Frontiers in Human Geography - Part B	6	II
GEOG4013	Advanced Remote Sensing	6	II

Department of Politics and Public Administration (<https://ppa.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<i>Advanced Courses</i>			
POLI3001	Special topics in political science: The Middle East and North Africa in international relations	6	I
POLI3020	Hong Kong politics	6	I
POLI3034	Public administration in China	6	I

POLI3035	Public administration in Hong Kong	6	I
POLI3037	Managing people in public organisations	6	I
POLI3044	United States Politics	6	I
POLI3052	International relations of East Asia	6	I
POLI3069	Public Policy, Politics and Social Change	6	I
POLI3103	Politics of the Global South	6	I
POLI3115	Politics and public opinion	6	I
POLI3117	Special Topic in Public Policy: Entrepreneurship in Web3.0: Policy, Governance, and Practice	6	I
POLI3121	Environmental policy	6	I
POLI3133	Contemporary Southeast Asian politics	6	I
POLI3148	Data science in politics and public administration	6	I
POLI3152	Democratic theory	6	I
POLI3159	Public Administration and the Public	6	I
POLI3005	Capitalism and social justice	6	II
POLI3024	Special topics in public administration: E-Government: frameworks, instruments, and applications	6	II
POLI3051	Issues in Chinese political philosophy	6	II
POLI3059	China and the world	6	II
POLI3065	Public organization and management	6	II
POLI3067	Sex, drugs, and the limits of liberalism	6	II
POLI3080	Global political economy	6	II
POLI3093	Understanding Social Protest	6	II
POLI3097	Modernity and globalization	6	II
POLI3098	Nonprofit management	6	II
POLI3113	On the Ethics of Violence	6	II
POLI3122	Strategic leadership in civil society organisations	6	II
POLI3131	In search of good policy: an introduction to policy evaluation	6	II
POLI3153	Diversity and equity in public administration: a comparative perspective	6	II
POLI3154	Liberalism vs. identity politics	6	II
POLI3156	Elite Politics in China	6	II
POLI3157	Europe and the World	6	II
POLI3158	Globalization, Automation, and Labor	6	II

Department of Psychology (<https://psychology.hku.hk/> or <https://psychology.hku.hk/undergraduate/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
Introductory Course			
PSYC1001	Introduction to psychology	6	I and II
Advanced Courses			
PSYC2002*	Psychological testing and measurement	6	I
PSYC2007*	Cognitive psychology	6	I
PSYC2009*	Life-span developmental psychology	6	I
PSYC2020*	Fundamentals of social psychology	6	I
PSYC2022*	Biological psychology	6	I
PSYC2036*	Special topics in psychology	6	I
PSYC2062*	Introduction to psychopathology	6	I
PSYC2074*	Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy	6	I
PSYC2111*	Neurobiological basis of psychological issues	6	I
PSYC2115*	The science of emotion	6	I
PSYC2019*	Psychology of personality	6	II
PSYC2020*	Fundamentals of social psychology	6	II
PSYC2036*	Special topics in psychology	6	II
PSYC2051*	Perception	6	II
PSYC2065*	Health psychology	6	II
PSYC2066*	Foundations of cognitive science	6	II
PSYC2101*	Foundations of neuroscience I	6	II
PSYC2103*	Foundations of neuroscience II	6	II
PSYC2116*	Decision making and neuroeconomics	6	II
PSYC2072*	Research internship in psychology I (Course Outline)	6	I and II
PSYC2073*	Research internship in psychology II (Course Outline)	6	I and II

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

(<https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/> or <https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/bsw/curriculum-structure/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<i>Introductory Courses</i>			
SOWK1015	Introduction to social policy and social development	6	I
<i>Advanced Courses</i>			
SOWK2023	Social policy issues in Hong Kong	6	I
SOWK2142	Advanced social policy and social development	6	I
SOWK2141	Social entrepreneurship and social innovation	6	II
SOWK3099	Population and development	6	II
SOWK4055	Management in human service organizations	6	II

Department of Sociology (<https://sociology.hku.hk/> or <https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
Introductory Courses			
SOCI1001	Introduction to sociology	6	I
SOCI1003	Introduction to anthropology	6	I
SOCI1004	Introduction to sociology: the world's on fire (and other problems)	6	II
Advanced Courses			
SOCI2044	Economic sociology	6	I
SOCI2055	Tourism, Culture and Society	6	I
SOCI2067	Crime and the media	6	I
SOCI2078	Drug control in comparative perspective	6	I
SOCI2080	Media and culture in modern societies	6	I
SOCI2088	Sociology of knowledge, science and technology	6	I
SOCI2098	Special topics in media and cultural studies	6	I
SOCI2100	Culture and Cognition	6	I
SOCI2002	Social Stratification and Social Class: Finding and Knowing Your Place	6	II
SOCI2010	Education and Society	6	II
SOCI2011	Gender and Crime	6	II
SOCI2019	Modern Culture and Lifestyle	6	II
SOCI2021	Marriage and the family	6	II
SOCI2056	Criminal justice: policy and practice	6	II
SOCI2071	Criminology	6	II
SOCI2081	Sexuality, Culture and Identify	6	II
SOCI2091	Sociology of Culture	6	II
SOCI2095	Quantitative social sciences: from correlation to causality	6	II
SOCI2096	Special topics in Sociology	6	II
SOCI2097	Special topics in Criminology	6	II
SOCI2102	Social Demography	6	II
SOCI3001	Introduction to methods for computational social science	6	II
SOCI3069	Crime and the city	6	II

Journalism and Media Studies Centre (<https://jmsc.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<i>Advanced Courses</i>			
JMSC2001*	Media law and ethics	6	I
JMSC2021*	Introduction to strategic communication	6	I
JMSC3004*	Fundamentals of business & financial Journalism	6	I
JMSC2006*	Chinese news writing	6	II
JMSC2013*	The press, politics and government	6	II
JMSC2019*	Digital media and society	6	II
JMSC2031*	Persuasive communications	6	II
JMSC3014*	Advanced strategic communication	6	II
JMSC2042*	The business of sports journalism	6	I or II
JMSC2043*	Health communication	6	I or II
JMSC2002*	Video news production	6	I and II
JMSC2003*	Online journalism	6	I and II
JMSC2007*	Introduction to photography	6	I and II
JMSC2009*	Visual communications	6	I and II
JMSC3013*	Multimedia magazine design	6	I and II