

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Courses offered to Exchange/Visiting Students in the 2026-27 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
BASC2003	When AI Ethics becomes Global: When AI meets the Real World	6	II
BASC3200	Vulnerability Reframed: Unlocking Disability's Potential	6	II
BASC3300	Human, Animal and Planetary Wellness in Practice	6	II

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

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
GEOG2004	Atmospheric Environment and Global Climate	6	I
GEOG2013	Sustainable Development: Introduction and Quantification	6	I
GEOG2030	Global development	6	I
GEOG2096	Human impacts on ecosystems	6	I
GEOG2120	Introductory Spatial Analysis	6	I
GEOG2124	Environmental Change and Socio-political Conflict	6	I
GEOG2126	Understanding China: the land and the people	6	I
GEOG2127	Environmental management	6	I
GEOG2147	Building smart cities with GIS	6	I
GEOG3214	Corporate social responsibility and environmental auditing	6	I
GEOG3304	Tourism policy and planning	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
GEOG2135	Climate, Energy and Life	6	I
GEOG3430	Geospatial Data for Environmental Change	6	I
GEOG2018	Transport Geography	6	II
GEOG2055	Water Resources and Management	6	II
GEOG2078	Cities and the Urban World: a Global Introduction to Urban Geography	6	II
GEOG2090	Introduction to geographic information systems	6	II

GEOG2109	Population Geography and Social Development	6	II
GEOG2130	Field Methods in Geography	6	II
GEOG2154	Healthy Food, Place, and Sustainability	6	II
GEOG2161	Human-nature Interaction for Sustainability Analysis and Management	6	II
GEOG2156	Understanding Global Environmental Changes from Images	6	II
GEOG3104	Globalizing China: Development issues	6	II
GEOG3203	Climate Change and the Environment	6	II
GEOG3205	Environmental Hazards	6	II
GEOG3414	Social Justice and the City	6	II
GEOG3421	Studying Cities: Quantitative Methods for Urban Research	6	II
GEOG3431	Advanced GIS	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>			
POLI3005	Capitalism and social justice	6	I
POLI3020	Hong Kong politics	6	I
POLI3037	Managing people in public organizations	6	I
POLI3047	United States foreign policy	6	I
POLI3052	International relations of East Asia	6	I
POLI3065	Public organization and management	6	I
POLI3069	Public Policy, Politics and Social Change	6	I
POLI3077	Special topics in comparative politics	6	I
POLI3079	Global Justice	6	I
POLI3080	Global political economy	6	I
POLI3098	Nonprofit management	6	I
POLI3133	Contemporary Southeast Asian politics	6	I
POLI3157	Politics in the West	6	I
POLI3158	Globalization, Automation and Labor	6	I
POLI3164	International Relations of the Middle East and North Africa	6	I
POLI3165	Analyzing international relations data	6	I
POLI3168	ASEAN and regional cooperation in Southeast Asia	6	I
POLI3034	Public administration in China	6	II
POLI3051	Issues in Chinese political philosophy	6	II
POLI3093	Understanding Social Protest	6	II
POLI3103	Politics of the Global South	6	II
POLI3106	Contemporary China Studies: issues and perspectives	6	II
POLI3113	On the Ethics of Violence	6	II
POLI3121	Environmental Policy	6	II
POLI3130	Latin American Politics	6	II
POLI3148	Data science in politics and public administration	6	II
POLI3154	Liberalism vs. identity politics	6	II
POLI3159	Public Administration and the Public	6	II
POLI3160	Web 3.0 for Social Impact	6	II
POLI3161	E-Government: frameworks, instruments, and applications	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
PSYC2005*	Introduction to counselling and therapeutic psychology	6	I
PSYC2007*	Cognitive psychology	6	I
PSYC2019*	Psychology of personality	6	I
PSYC2036*	Special topics in psychology - Course title: LLMs or Bayesian model	6	I
PSYC2062*	Introduction to psychopathology	6	I
PSYC2101*	Foundations of neuroscience I	6	I
PSYC2110*	Developmental neuroscience	6	I
PSYC2115*	The science of emotion	6	I
PSYC2022*	Biological psychology	6	II
PSYC2036*	Special topics in psychology - Course title: Positive Psychology	6	II
PSYC2036*	Special topics in psychology - Course title: Environmental Psychology	6	II
PSYC2051*	Perception	6	II
PSYC2067*	Foundations of cognitive science	6	II
PSYC2103*	Foundations of neuroscience II	6	II
PSYC2111*	Neurobiological basis of psychological issues	6	II
PSYC2113	Introduction to brain imaging	6	II
PSYC2116*	Decision making and neuroeconomics	6	II
PSYC2117*	Human Memories	6	II
PSYC2009*	Life-span developmental psychology	6	I and II
PSYC2020*	Fundamentals of social psychology	6	I and II
PSYC2072*	Research internship in psychology I	6	I and II
PSYC2073*	Research internship in psychology II	6	I and II
PSYC2074*	Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy	6	I and II

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

(<https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/> or <https://web.socialwork.hku.hk/programme-admission/bachelor-of-social-work/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<i>Introductory Courses</i>			
SOWK1015	Introduction to social policy and social development	6	I
SOWK1004	Human behaviour and the social environment (I) (session for non-BSW students)	6	I & II
SOWK1012	Communication and counselling skills in everyday life	6	I & II
<i>Advanced Courses</i>			
SOWK2023	Social policy issues in Hong Kong	6	I
SOWK2142	Advanced social policy and social development	6	I
SOWK2062B	Special topics in policy study: Gender, inclusion and inequality	6	II
SOWK2126B	Special topics in counselling: Strengthen-based course	6	II
SOWK2141	Social entrepreneurship and social innovation	6	II
SOWK3099	Population and development	6	II
SOWK3138	Advanced social data analysis	6	II
SOWK3142	Compassionate mind and practice: Paths to healing and growth	6	II

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

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
Introductory Courses			
SOCI1003	Introduction to anthropology	6	I
SOCI1004	Introduction to sociology: the world's on fire (and other problems)	6	II
SOCI1001	Introduction to sociology	6	I and II
Advanced Courses			
SOCI3001	Foundations in Computational Social Science	6	I
SOCI3046	Sociology of Law	6	I
SOCI3055	Tourism, Culture and Society	6	I
SOCI3067	Crime and the media	6	I
SOCI3061	Religion and society	6	I
SOCI3078	Drug control in comparative perspective	6	I
SOCI3100	Culture and Cognition	6	I
SOCI2071	Criminology	6	II
SOCI3011	Gender and Crime	6	II
SOCI3019	Modern Culture and Lifestyle	6	II
SOCI3054	Triads and organized crime	6	II
SOCI3056	Criminal justice: policy and practice	6	II
SOCI3081	Sexuality, Culture and Identify	6	II
SOCI3096	Special topics in Sociology	6	II
SOCI3105	Global Criminology	6	II
SOCI3XXX	Social Network Analysis	6	II

School of Future Media (<https://hkums.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<i>Advanced Courses</i>			
JMSC2001*	Media law and ethics	6	I
JMSC2007*	Photography	6	I
JMSC2021*	Strategic communication: theory and practice	6	I
JMSC2042*	The business of sports journalism	6	I
JMSC2043*	Health communication	6	I
JMSC2050*	Covering culture and technology	6	I
JMSC2051*	AI-enhanced mobile filmmaking	6	I
JMSC3011*	International news	6	I
JMSC2019*	AI, digital media and society	6	II
JMSC2031*	Persuasive communication	6	II
JMSC2044*	Storytelling for public engagement	6	II
JMSC2045*	Crisis communication	6	II
JMSC2048*	Fact-checking journalism	6	II
JMSC2002*	Video production	6	I and II
JMSC2003*	Online journalism	6	I and II
JMSC2009*	Visual communication	6	I and II
JMSC3013*	Multimedia design	6	I and II