

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Curriculum Requirements for Direct Admissions Students (admitted in 2025-26 and 2026-27)

Direct Admissions to Year 3 students are required to complete at least 126 credits for graduation.

University Requirements (UG5) ^{2 & 3}	First Major ¹			Advanced Free Electives / Minor Programme	Total Credits ⁵
	Disciplinary Electives - Introductory	Social Innovation (SI) / Global Citizenship (GC)	Disciplinary Electives - Advanced		
24	0	12	54	○ Free Elective – 36 Advanced credits (Any introductory courses should be taken on top of 126 credits) - OR ○ Minor in any disciplines – 36 credits (subject to the individual programme requirement) ^{4 & 5}	126

Remarks:

1. Students are allowed to choose one of the following disciplines as their first major.
 - China Studies
 - Geography
 - Politics and Public Administration
 - Social Policy and Social Development
 - Sociology

2. University requirements (UG5) include a non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course (CAES1001), a 6-credit English in the Discipline course, 12 credits in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry, two 3-credit courses in artificial intelligence literacy, a non-credit-bearing course in national education and national security education (UGRE1001), and any other non-credit bearing courses as may be required from time to time.
3. Students who obtained the following qualifications will be granted exemption from the non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course (CAES1001). Those who did not meet the following qualifications (or equivalent) are required to take CAES1001 in Year III.
 - achieved Level 3 or above in the English Language paper in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)
 - achieved an overall IELTS score of no less than 6.5
 - achieved an overall TOEFL Internet-based test score of no less than 93
4. Students opting for a minor under Faculty of Social Sciences (FoSS) are required to make up the 6-credit introductory course by taking a 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective of your declared minor in lieu (i.e., a total of 36 credits advanced courses).
5. Students opting for a minor under non-FoSS are required to take courses based on the individual programme requirements. As a result, the credits of the introductory course(s) requested by your minor programme should be counted on top of 126 credits. In other words, students may need to take more than 126 credits to fulfil both of your disciplinary major and minor programme requirements, but not more than 144 credits.

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Curriculum Requirements for Direct Admissions Students (admitted in 2024-25)

Direct Admissions to Year 3 students are required to complete at least 120 or 126 credits for graduation.

Disciplinary major ¹	University Requirements (UG5) ^{2 & 3}	Disciplinary major			Free electives	Total Credits ⁵
		Disciplinary Electives - Introductory	Social Innovation (SI) / Global Citizenship (GC)	Disciplinary Electives - Advanced	Advanced Free Electives / Minor programme	
China Studies	18 or 24	0	12	54	○ Free Elective – 36 Advanced credits (Introductory courses should be taken on top of 120 credits) - OR ○ Minor in any disciplines – 36 credits (based on the individual programme requirement) ^{4 & 5}	120 or 126
Geography	18 or 24	0	12	54		120 or 126
Politics and Public Administration	18 or 24	0	12	54		120 or 126
Social Policy and Social Development	18 or 24	0	12	54		120 or 126
Sociology	18 or 24	0	12	54		120 or 126

Remarks:

1. Students are allowed to choose one of the following disciplines as their first major.
 - China Studies
 - Geography
 - Politics and Public Administration
 - Social Policy and Social Development
 - Sociology
2. University requirements include a 6-credit Core University English course (CAES1000), a 6-credit English in the Discipline course, two 6-credit courses in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry, and a non-credit-bearing online course UG5E1001.
3. Students who obtained the following qualifications will be granted 6 credits of Advanced Standing for Core University English course (CAES1000). Those who did not meet the following qualifications (or equivalent) are required to take CAES1000 in Year III, i.e. they are required to complete at least 126 credits to fulfil the graduation requirements.
 - achieved Level 3 or above in the English Language paper in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)
 - achieved an overall IELTS score of no less than 6.5
 - achieved an overall TOEFL Internet-based test score of no less than 93
4. Students opting for a minor under Faculty of Social Sciences (FoSS) are required to make up the 6-credit introductory course by taking a 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective of your declared minor in lieu (i.e., a total of 36 credits advanced courses).
5. Students opting for a minor under non-FoSS are required to take courses based on the individual programme requirements. As a result, the credits of the introductory course(s) requested by your minor programme should be counted on top of 120 or 126 credits. In other words, students may need to take more than 120 credits to fulfil both of your disciplinary major and minor programme requirements, but not more than 144 credits.

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