

WELCOME TO FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (FOSS)

ZOOM INDUCTION SESSION
September 8, 2026

Introduction of the Faculty and Academic Information

Professor Samson Tse 謝樹基教授

Associate Dean (Undergraduate Education), Faculty of Social Sciences



A Glance of FOSS

Founded in
1967 with **110+**
Professoriate staff

Undergraduate
1,860+
Visiting/Exchange

Ranked (QS 2026)

1 Locally **22** Globally



University Educational Aims (UEA)

UEA ①

Pursuit of academic
/professional excellence,
critical intellectual inquiry
and life-long learning

UEA ②

Tackling novel situations
and ill-defined problems

UEA ③

Critical self-reflection,
greater understanding of
others, and upholding
personal and professional
ethics

UEA ④

Intercultural
communication, and
global citizenship

UEA ⑤

Communication and
collaboration

UEA ⑥

Leadership and advocacy
for the improvement of
the human condition

Departments and School



Department of Geography



Department of Politics and
Public Administration



Department of Psychology



Department of Social Work
and Social Administration



Department of Sociology



School of Future Media
(established in October 2025)

Study Pathway

YEAR 1

- **Introductory Courses** to build foundational knowledge
- **Pre-requisite Courses** to broaden foundation or explore various disciplines within Social Sciences
- **Exploration** of different Social Innovation and Global Citizenship (SIGC) options



YEAR 2

- **Advanced Courses** in chosen fields
- Declaration of **Major/Minor**
- Application for experiential learning programmes (**SOCIAL INNOVATION & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**)



YEAR 3

- **Advanced Electives** to deepen expertise
- **Internship and Exchange opportunities** for practical experience



YEAR 4

- **Capstone experience** to synthesise learning
- Preparation for **Career Prospects or Future Studies**



** For guidance only. Each student's academic journey is unique.*

Majors and Minors

First Majors

Computational Social Science

AI, Data Science, Machine Learning

Geography

Geographic Information Systems,
Human & Physical Geography, Sustainable
Development

Politics and Public Administration

International Relations, Public Policy,
International Cooperation, Foreign Policy

Social Policy and Social Development

Social Enterprise, Social Work

Sociology

Crime, Culture, Media, Population

Second Majors / Minors

- Cognitive Science
- Counselling
- Criminology
- Geospatial Data Science
- Media & Cultural Studies
- Neuroscience
- Psychology
- Urban Governance
- Human Resource Management
- Journalism, Media and Artificial Intelligence

You may also opt for major/minor from other
Faculties

Business	Arts	Science
Medicine	Education	Architecture
Engineering		



Making the Most of Your FOSS Journey



Internships



Exchange & Study-Abroad
Opportunities



Undergraduate Research
*Finding opportunities and
ask for reference letter*



Community Engagement & Service
Learning



Field Trips & Global Learning



Leadership Experiences



International Exposure
Understanding regional and global issues

Student Sharing – Chat with Professor Samson Tse

Lan Dao
BSocSc II

Andrew Lee
BSocSc III
(Major in PPA)



HKU
SOCIAL
SCIENCES
香港大學社會科學學院

FACULTY
INDUCTION TALK
for Undergraduate Students 2026

Questions & “Responses ...”

Academic Integrity

What is Plagiarism?



<https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/>

Policy for AI in Education



<https://aied.talic.hku.hk/aipolicy/>

AI and Your Uni Study

✓ **DOs** *(AI supports your learning)*

Use AI **Responsibly, Collaboratively, and Critically** to Enhance Your Learning

Follow **Departmental and Course Guidelines**

Be **Transparent and Accountable**

Definition of AI: For the purposes of this context, AI refers to generative AI technologies, especially large language models (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini), that are commonly used by students to support info gathering, writing assistance, data analysis and research/ study-related activities.

✗ **DON'Ts** *(Don't surrender your learning to AI)*

Don't confuse efficiency with learning

Don't let AI replace engagement with course materials

Don't assume AI is always correct

Don't use AI to fabricate data, references, quotes, interviews, or research findings

Don't submit AI-generated work as entirely your own

Don't share confidential, sensitive, or personal information with AI tools

Here to support your studies

8 Tips/Opportunities You Won't Want to Miss

Here to enrich your journey

(1) HKU First-Year UG Copilot 2026-27

HKU First-Year UG Copilot 2026-27

Great to see you. How can I help you today?

To get started, you can explore the following topics or simply type your question in the chat:



Degree Regulations, Syllabus, and Course Enrollment
Check out the programme and course details for your study plan.

[View regulations and syllabus](#)

[View course offerings](#)

[View guides on course enrollment](#)



Majors and Minors
Explore the major and minor options from your home faculty and other faculties.

[Explore majors](#)

[Explore minors](#)



Scholarship Opportunities
Discover the current and upcoming scholarship opportunities for undergraduates.

[View current and upcoming applications](#)

[Search for scholarships](#)

Hello, I'm a virtual assistant to help find information regarding programs, majors, minors, and scholarships for first-year undergraduate students.

AI-generated content may be incorrect

2 minutes ago



<https://chatbots.hku.hk/chatbot-firstyear>

(2) FOSS Welcome Pack



<https://foss2.hku.hk/welcome-pack/>

(3) Academic Advising and Support

Faculty Academic Adviser (FAA)

and

Faculty Student Adviser (FSA)



ACADEMIC ADVISING & SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

STUDY PLANNING

The planner has **NO checking function**. You should refer to the syllabus of your study cohort for curriculum structure and major/minor requirements.

Enrollment as of [2025-09-23 15:14:15]

TOTAL CREDITS = 126 + 30 = 156 / 240 (Max: 288)

UGS
Common Core
24 / 54

MAJOR 1
Mathematics
60 / 96

MINOR 1
Statistics
30 / 42

MINOR 1
Finance
24 / 36

FREE ELECTIVES
Free Electives
12 / 12

UNDEFINED
6

Year 2 (2024-25) 2nd Sem
30 Credits

FINA2322 MINOR 1 MATH2101 MAJOR 1 MATH2241 MAJOR 1 MATH3601 MAJOR 1 STAT3600 MINOR 1
input my planned courses and own remarks here ...

Year 2 (2024-25) Summer Sem
6 Credits

HKU11005 UNDEFINED
input my planned courses and own remarks here ...

Year 3 (2025-26) 1st Sem
30 Credits

MATH2102 MAJOR 1 MATH3401 MAJOR 1 MATH3301 MAJOR 1 STAT2604 MINOR 1 CGLXXXX UGS
input my own remarks here ...

Year 3 (2025-26) 2nd Sem
Internship
0 Credits

Full-time Internship
input my own remarks here ...

e-Planner
<https://aas.hku.hk/e-planner>





(4) HKU Faculty of Social Sciences (FOSS) Mentorship Programme 2026-2027

Welcome

ALL FOSS Undergraduates!
Apply Now >>



**HKU
SOCIAL
SCIENCES**
香港大學社會科學學院



(5) Social Venture Lab



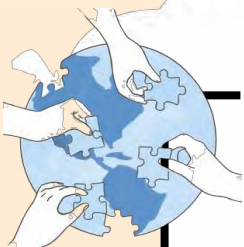
Our Vision:

To empower students to create scalable, innovative, and sustainable solutions that transform communities



Website: <https://web.socsc.hku.hk/social-venture-lab/>

(6) FOSS Student Ambassador Scheme



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- HKU INFORMATION DAY
- FACULTY STUDENT ADVISER
- SUMMER PROGRAMME MENTOR
- SOCIAL MEDIA PRODUCTION
- CONGREGATION CEREMONY
- CEREMONY EMCEE HOST
- BUDDY MENTOR FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
- STUDENT HELPER OPPORTUNITIES
- AND SO MUCH MORE!!



(7) Explore Your Path: Connect with the support you need at CEDARS

Urgent Mental Health Concern

Walk-in to visit a
Duty Counsellor of
CEDARS-CoPE at 3/F
@ Main Building



Financial Needs

Call 3917-2305 for an appointment
to meet a student advising officer
for assessment of your needs
@ CEDARS-Campus Life.



Special Learning Needs

Apply for a letter of
recommendations on reasonable
accommodations/adjustments
(LoRA) @ CEDARS



Counselling Services

Schedule appointments
with CEDARS-CoPE at
<https://w2.cedars.hku.hk/services/forms2/>



Immediate Help: 24/7 Crisis & Suicide Support



Immediate Danger

Move to a *safe*
location.



999

Call **Police**,
Fire Services
& **Ambulances**.



A & E Departments

Visit the Accident &
Emergency Department
in the *nearest public*
hospital.



Crisis



The Samaritans

Call **2896-0000** for
24/7 multilingual
Suicide Prevention
Support.



OpenUP Chat for ages 6-24

WhatsApp
a real person 24/7
@ **9101-2012**
or chat online
@ **www.openup.hk**



Suicide Support

(8) EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

PROHIBITED ACTS

PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Sex Discrimination
2. Sexual Harassment
3. Marital Status Discrimination
4. Pregnancy Discrimination
5. Breastfeeding Discrimination
6. Breastfeeding Harassment
7. Disability Discrimination
8. Disability Harassment / Vilification
9. Family Status Discrimination
10. Racial Discrimination
11. Racial Harassment / Vilification
12. Discrimination ground of Sexual Orientation
13. Harassment on ground of Sexual Orientation
14. Victimization Discrimination



- **Harasser's intention / subjective feeling towards the act is not relevant**



- **Gender of Harasser / Victim is not relevant**



- **Not only limited to physical contact**
 - **Verbal**
 - **Gestures**
 - **E-messages**

Connect with FOSS

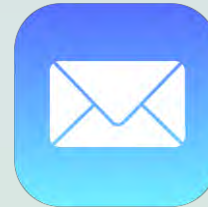
Stay tuned for the Faculty's announcement



WhatsApp



WeChat



Email



Website

Messages will be sent to the mobile phone number recorded in your student profile.

Contact us

Tel.: 3917 1212

Email: socscug@hku.hk

Questions & “Responses ...”

Feedback Form – Build our Social Sciences Journey Together!



To re-visit the [video](#) taken at the physical session of the Induction Talk conducted back on Aug 12, 2026, which contained more detailed information.

