Bachelor of Arts & Sciences

Interdisciplinarity
Impact
Personalisation
Mentorship
BASc Family
Why Bachelor of Arts and Sciences?

We face an array of problems: war, climate change, inequality, aging, disease, depression, the list goes on. These problems are diverse and complex, and their solutions require us to take an interdisciplinary focus, understanding the complex interplay between politics, economics, biomedical sciences, computer sciences, philosophy, psychology, sociology and more. Such an understanding can also help us enhance other, more positive, areas of life such as education and culture.

The BASc programme equips students with this interdisciplinary focus and prepares them to make an impact by solving the world’s problems.

Each student achieves these goals in a personalised and tailor-made manner whilst being supported by a mentor and other students from the BASc family.

Programme structure

Students will major in Interdisciplinary Studies where they will take five courses from each of the two pathways so that they gain knowledge from diverse disciplines. Students can also take an additional major / minors / electives to further enhance their interdisciplinarity.

Interdisciplinary and BASc Core Courses, students’ internship experiences and their Capstone Project will help them combine and apply their knowledge in a way that can impact the real world.

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<td><strong>96 CREDITS</strong></td>
<td><strong>BASc Core Course</strong> (6 CREDITS)</td>
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<td>INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR</td>
<td>1) Foundations of Human Knowledge</td>
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<td>Two Pathways Courses (60 CREDITS)</td>
<td><strong>Common Core Courses</strong> (24 CREDITS)</td>
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<td>1) Cultures / Societies (e.g. languages, literature, art)</td>
<td>(e.g. Philosophy, Finance, Education, Engineering, Genetics, Nutritional Science, Art History, Geography, Sociology)</td>
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<td>2) Physical World / Biological / Human Sciences (e.g. Biology, Environmental Science, Psychology)</td>
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<td><strong>90 CREDITS</strong></td>
<td>2) Basic Programming and Computer Software Skills</td>
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<td>SECOND MAJOR / MINORS / ELECTIVES</td>
<td>3) Sustainable Leadership</td>
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<td>Any of 71 majors, 92 minors or thousands of free elective courses from across HKU</td>
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<td>OTHER ESSENTIAL LEARNING</td>
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Unique features of BASc

Interdisciplinarity
Students are given unprecedented access to the full range of subjects across the Arts, Science and Social Sciences faculties. We encourage students to acquire and combine insights from across different subject areas in order to find novel ways to think about and solve the world’s problems.

Impact
BASc students are given unique, tailor-made, internship opportunities. These experiences and the Capstone project encourage students to translate their learning to make a real-world impact.

Personalisation
The BASc programme has a flexible curriculum so every BASc student’s journey is different! Each student constructs their own degree based on their interests and how they would like to impact society.

Mentorship
Each BASc student is personally mentored by the BASc director who will help them construct their own degree whilst helping them harness their passions in a way that benefits society.

BASc Family
The BASc is part of a family including five other programmes. All students attend BASc Core events together and offer support through their own society. BASc students have a rare and unique opportunity to interact regularly with students with diverse perspectives and expertise.
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**Admission Requirements**

**JUPAS Applicants**
- Best 5 among Category A or C subjects
- English language: Level 5 or above*
- Preference given to applicants ranking BASc (JUPAS code: JS6212) in Band A choice

*Candidates with level 4 in English Language and good results in other HKDSE subjects will be exceptionally considered on a case by case basis, but they will have to take an additional English course if admitted.

**Non-JUPAS Applicants**
- Preference is given to applicants ranking BASc as their first choice
- Minimum standard: University entrance requirements

**Careers**
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