

Course Selection Briefing for Direct Admissions Students



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Course Selection Briefing

Date: July 31, 2020 (Friday)

Time: 11:15am to 12:00nn

- Rundown:
1. Registration Information
 2. Graduation Requirements
 3. Scenarios for Major & Minor Options
 4. Important Reminders
 5. Student Sharing (Course Registration Demonstration)
 6. Q&A



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Registration Information

1. Notes for New Students
2. Major Events Calendar in 2020-2021



[First Year Experience - Important Notes](#)



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Important Dates

Date	Events
August 5 (12:00) – August 11 (16:00)	- Course selection - Declaration of major
August 7 (14:30) – August 11 (16:00)	Check course selection status online via HKU Portal
August 19 (09:30)	Faculty Induction Talk, Zoom Webinar
September 1 (14:00) – September 15 (16:00)	Add-drop period (2 weeks)
September 1	First day of teaching



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Faculty Induction Talk

Date: August 19, 2020 (Wednesday)

Time: 10am to 11:30am

Venue: Zoom Webinar

- Faculty Introduction and Academic Information
- Meeting with Faculty Student Advisers
- Breakout sessions for Bachelor of Social Sciences



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First-year Experience Activities

October – November 2020

Briefing on Social Innovation and Global Citizenship

January 2021

Internship Week

Confirmed schedule will be announced after start of the semester



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Graduation Requirements

DAS students are required to complete at least 120 credits for graduation.

A. University requirements: 18 credits

- A 6-credit English in the Discipline course
- Two 6-credit courses in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry (AoI)

B. Disciplinary major: 66 to 72 credits

- 6 to 12 credits of introductory disciplinary courses (*Applicable to Psychology major only*)
- 48 to 54 credits of advanced disciplinary courses
- 12 credits of Social Innovation or Global Citizenship

C. Advanced free electives: 30 to 36 credits

- Possible to declare a minor



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Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

Disciplinary major ¹	University requirements (UG5) ²	Disciplinary major			Free electives	Total Credits	
		Disciplinary introductory	Social Innovation (SI) / Global Citizenship (GC)	Disciplinary advanced	Advanced free electives / Minor programme		
China Studies (Social Sciences Stream)	18	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 (subject to the requirements of individual programme) ^{5 & 6}	120	
Geography	18	0	12	54		120	
Politics and Public Administration	18	0	12	54		120	
Psychology (without course exemption) <i>or</i>	18	12 (PSYC1001 & PSYC1004) ^{3 & 4}	12	48		120	
Psychology (with PSYC1001 exemption)		6 (PSYC1004) ⁴					
Social Work and Social Administration	18	0	12	54			120
Sociology	18	0	12	54			120

Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

Remarks:

1. Students are allowed to choose one of the following disciplines as their first major.
 - China Studies (Social Sciences Stream)
 - Geography
 - Politics and Public Administration
 - Psychology
 - Social Work and Social Administration
 - Sociology
2. University requirements include a 6-credit of English in the Discipline course and two 6-credit courses in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry.
3. Psychology major students without PSYC1001 exemption are required to take 72 credits for the Disciplinary major, and only required to take 30 credits of free electives at advanced level to fulfil the graduation requirements.



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4. For Psychology students who plan to conduct an independent empirical research in final year, they are advised to take PSYC1004 in Semester 1 and PSYC2060 in Semester 2 in Year 3.
5. For students opting for a minor under Faculty of Social Sciences (FoSS), you 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).
6. For students opting for a minor under non-FoSS, you 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 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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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I declare a second major or a minor?

A: Yes, you can declare a minor offered by any Faculty, but not for a second major.

Q: Are there any maximum enrolled credits for graduation?

A: The maximum number of credits for DAS students is 144.

Q: Am I allowed to study introductory courses?

A: Yes, you can. However, the credits of introductory courses taken would be counted on top of your 120 credits for graduation (except the two required courses in Common Core Curriculum, and PSYC1001 and/or PSYC1004 for Psychology major students).



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Important Reminders

1. Website: www.socsc.hku.hk
2. [Regulations and syllabuses](#) (2018-2019)
3. E-mail: use HKU email account
***No message will be sent to your personal e-mail account*
4. Tutorials: pay special attention to your e-mails for class selection
5. Complete Master Registration online to access to HKU Portal for course registration
6. Conditions on course exemption (PSYC1001)
7. Enquires: 3917-1212 / socscug@hku.hk



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Pay attention to the Faculty and Departments' e-mails for announcements



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