Welcome!

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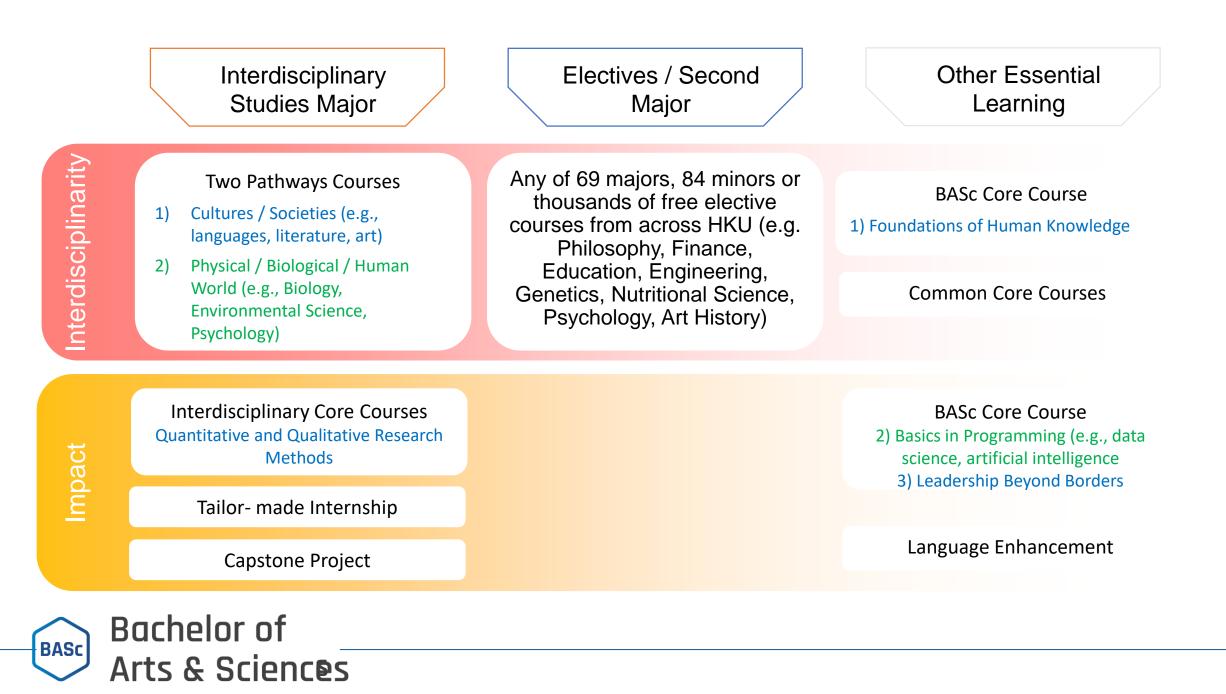
Congratulations!



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• A clean slate

- Peer pressure
- Fear of missing out

- The freedom to choose
- A chance at any future you want

• Regret

• A family of people just like you



Breakout

Share with another person the thing you're

- 1) Most passionate about
- 2) Most excited about
- 3) Most nervous about



...and a team of people to support you

A team of last year's BASc students



Student advisors from Arts, Science and Social Sciences faculties



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Marty Forth

Andrew Hoang



Abel Lau



Me

Hadar Hazan





How will you be supported?

Day-to-day:

chat.google.com (in browser or download the app) there are rooms for your cohort and all BASc students and you can also private message.

Use your @connect.hku.hk address to log in.

Send me a message at <u>tjbarry@connect.hku.hk</u> and I can add you to the rooms.

I'll leave these slides in there.



How will you be supported?

Semester-to-semester:

You'll be paired up with a mentor and meet with them twice a semester.

1) Study plan

What am I interested in? How are these courses related? Can this build into a capstone project?

2) Reflection

How did my semester/year go? What did I like? What didn't I like? What would I do differently?

3) Capstone Preparation

What issues facing society are you most interested in? How can you integrate knowledge from across your subjects to understand/explore this issue?





- Student info pack (Thanks to Gitanjali from Class of 2019): <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1784n0NNqsk-</u> <u>ZlvZ1AnLh9uS9OKEqNP0O/view?usp=sharing</u>
- For non-local students:
 - General COVID info <u>https://www.hku.hk/others/covid-19/overview.html</u>
 - Live Q&A https://www.cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/orientation/WoW livechat.pdf



That's all for now...

To do list:

- 1) Join Google Chat, say hi to your mentor and the group (create a room without us old people in)
- Think about why you're here, why you picked the BASc, and what you'd like to get out of your degree.
- Think about what courses you might like to take this semester and how this relates to your broader study plans (have contingencies!)
- 4) Enjoy your last weeks of relaxation!

