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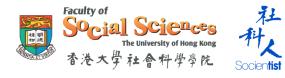
100+ professoriate staff

Students:
- ◆ 1,700 UG
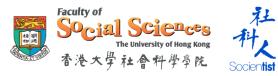- ◆ 300 visiting/exchange
- ◆ 1,400 TPG
- ◆ 240 RPG

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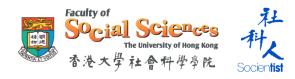
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Departments

Ranking

2nd / **12th** — Geography

4th / **25th** — Journalism and Media Studies Centre

4th / **31st** — Politics and Public Administration

2nd / **31st** — Psychology

4th / **20th** — Social Policy & Social Development

4th / **28th** — Sociology

3rd / **21st**

(1st in HK)
Social Sciences and Management
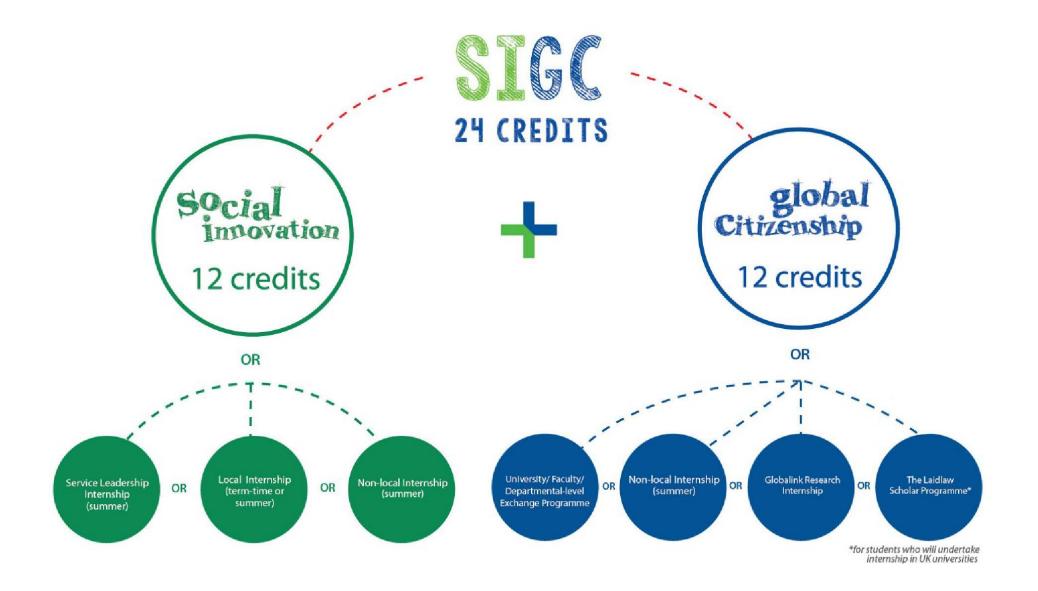
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Asia **World**

QS World University Rankings 2020

Important Notes to New Students

- Notes for New Students
- Calendar of major events in 2020-2021
- Useful links

SIGC
24 CREDITS

Social innovation
12 credits

+

global Citizenship
12 credits

OR

- Service Leadership Internship (summer)

OR

- Local Internship (term-time or summer)

OR

- Non-local Internship (summer)

OR

- University/ Faculty/ Departmental-level Exchange Programme

OR

- Non-local Internship (summer)

OR

- Globalink Research Internship

OR

- The Laidlaw Scholar Programme*

*for students who will undertake internship in UK universities

Total No. of CPs > 150

First Year Experience

October – November 2020
Briefing on Social Innovation and Global Citizenship
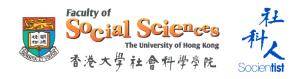
January 2021
Internship Week

Confirmed schedule will be announced after the start of the semester

Teaching and Learning arrangements in Semester 1, 2020-2021

<u>Dual mode of online and face-to-face teaching</u>

- o All courses will be conducted online
- o A few exceptions requiring hands-on engagement, such as lab-related courses, fieldwork placements, internships, etc.
- o Face-to-face classes will be offered when the public health situation turns safe

Teaching and Learning arrangements in Semester 1, 2020-2021

Arrangements from September 1 to 21, 2020 (First three weeks)

o Classes will be delivered online only
o Arrangements of the remainder of the semester will depend on the public health situation, details will be announced in due course
o Stay tuned to the updates from the University and the Faculty

e-Learning

e-Learning platforms

o Moodle – the most commonly used platform by HKU teachers
o Supplemented with other video channels, such as Panopto, YouTube, Zoom, etc.
o Pay special attention to the notices and announcements from the course teachers on how to access to the course materials online
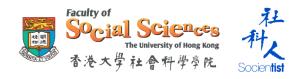
Online assessments in Semester 1

o All final assessments will take place online
o Platforms for online assessments: Moodle and/or HKU Online Examination System (OLEX)
o Course teachers will announce the details of assessments after the start of each course

e-Learning

Resources

- o Moodle: http://moodle-support.hku.hk/student/moodle
- o OLEX: https://www.its.hku.hk/olex
- o Central IT Service: https://www.its.hku.hk/services/overview
- o Contact ITS eLearning support team at eLearningteam@hku.hk or +852 3917 0123

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is defined as "the unacknowledged use, as one's own, of work of another person, whether or not such work has been published". It constitutes academic theft – the offender has 'stolen' some intellectual property and presented it as his or her own's.

Students should develop a good practice of **citation**. Assessments submitted in any form should properly acknowledge all sources referenced through citation to give credits to the quotes and/or ideas originated from another source.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism speaks to a person's integrity and honesty, stifles creativity and originality, and defeats the fundamental purpose of education.
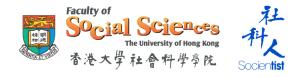
In HKU, Plagiarism is a serious disciplinary offence. Any student who commits the offence is liable to disciplinary action, such as a reprimand, fine, withdrawal, suspension, and even expulsion from the University.

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Resources

o HKU Teaching and Learning: What is Plagiarism?
o HKU Libraries: ILT01 Information Literacy Training: Academic Honesty
o HKU Libraries: Citation Style and Writing Guides
o CAES: English services available to students
o HKU: Policy on Student Plagiarism (Portal login required)

Attendance and Leave of absence

Attendance

Students should attend all lectures, laboratory classes, tutorials, seminars and fieldwork required for each course.

Absent from classes without sound justifications and leave records may result in mark deduction on assessments, or even course failure.

Medical leave

Students who cannot attend classes because of illness should inform the Faculty Office in writing as soon as possible. Medical certificate is required for the leave application.

If longer leave is required (i.e. one semester or one academic year), application should be submitted prior to the start of the semester.
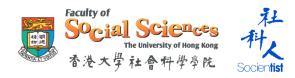
Exchange leave

Students who will go abroad for exchange studies should submit their applications for exchange leave and credit transfer prior to departure. No retrospective application will be considered.

Personal leave

Students who plan to take one semester or one academic year off for personal engagement could also apply for personal leave. Application with sound justifications should be submitted to the Faculty Office prior to the start of the semester.
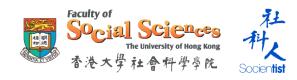
Students should also pay special attention to the maximum registration period prescribed in the respective degree regulations.

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Academic Advising

Faculty Academic Adviser (FAA)

o FAA is a current teacher from the Faculty who advises you on study-related matters
o Approach your FAA whenever you need academic advice
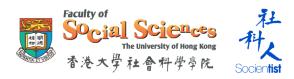o Consult your FAA during the consultation hour or contact her/him by email to make an appointment

Academic Advising

Sign up for Faculty Academic Adviser (FAA)

Period
From 10:00 am, August 18 (Tuesday) to 4:00 pm, August 24 (Monday)

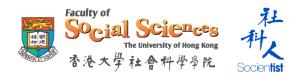*Platform*
https://ugaa.hku.hk/signup-faa.php

You will be randomly assigned a FAA if you do not sign up by the deadline.

Academic Advising

Faculty Student Adviser (FSA)

o You will be assigned in a group of new students with 3 to 4 FSAs in each group

o FSAs will assist you in adjusting to the university studies as well as registration and course enrollment process

o Meet with your FSAs and other fellow students in Zoom breakout rooms after the Faculty session from 10:30 to 11:00am

o Meeting links have been sent out to your HKU email account

Breakout session for individual programmes

<u>11:00 – 11:30am</u>

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
Meeting ID: 916 3256 9093
Password: SS2020it

Bachelor of Social Sciences _and_ Bachelor of Education & Bachelor of Social Sciences
Meeting ID: 953 5968 4191
Password: SS2020it

Bachelor of Journalism
Meeting ID: 979 5395 6222
Password: SS2020it

Bachelor of Social Work
Meeting ID: 981 3860 4825
Password: SS2020it

Important Reminders

1. Website: www.socsc.hku.hk

2. E-mail: use HKU email account

   (**No message will be sent to your personal e-mail account*)

3. Pay attention to the updates on Teaching and Learning arrangements after the start of the semester

4. Enquires: 3917-1212 / socscug@hku.hk

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