

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Course Selection Briefing for Direct Admissions Students

Direct Admissions to Year 3 students are required to complete at least 120 credits for graduation.

Disciplinary major <sup>1</sup>	University requirements (UG5) <sup>2</sup>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Free Elective – 36 Advanced credits (Introductory courses should be taken on top of 120 credits)</li> <li>OR</li> <li>○ Minor in any disciplines – 36 credits (based on the individual programme requirement) <sup>5 &amp; 6</sup></li> </ul>	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) <sup>3 &amp; 4</sup>	12	48		120
Psychology (with PSYC1001 exemption)		6 (PSYC1004) <sup>4</sup>				120
Social Policy and Social Development	18	0	12	54		120
Sociology	18	0	12	54		120

*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 Policy and Social Development
  - 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.
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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