

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

**Courses offered to Exchange/Visiting Students in the 2023-2024 Academic Year**

**Important Notes:**

1. *The course list is for reference only. Actual enrolment is subject to the availability of courses, quota and class schedule. The information could be changed without prior notice.*
2. *For course details, please refer to the websites of the offering departments. For courses offered by other faculties, you are required to check with the course offering department directly about your eligibility of taking the course.*
3. *For courses with an asterisk (\*), an approval from the offering departments is required as the offering departments have to check (a) whether the students have fulfilled the pre-requisite and/or (b) the availability of course quota. The successful course enrollment record will be shown on the Student Information System (SIS) upon the approval from the department.*
4. *Students who wish to take the following courses are required to send an email to the course offering department for approval two weeks before the course enrollment period. Upon approval, the students should forward the approval email to the Faculty Office via email ([socii@hku.hk](mailto:socii@hku.hk)) and the Faculty Office will enroll the course for you.*

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course offering department</b>	<b>Email</b>
PSYC2072	Department of Psychology	<a href="mailto:ugpsyc@hku.hk">ugpsyc@hku.hk</a>
PSYC2073		

5. *Social Sciences students are required to enroll at least 50% of courses offered by our Faculty; otherwise, you are required to transfer to another Faculty.*
6. *The normal credit load at HKU is 30 credits (i.e. 5 courses because each HKU course carries 6 credits) per semester. The minimum and maximum load are 24 credits and 36 credits respectively.*
7. *Should students encounter any difficulties in course enrollment, please contact the Faculty Office at [socii@hku.hk](mailto:socii@hku.hk).*

**Faculty of Social Sciences** (<https://www.socsc.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
BASC2001	Essential skills for undergraduates: The Leadership Development Course on Culture, Science and Society (ES4L)	6	I and II
BASC3100	Transformative Learning and Experiential Integration in International Contexts	6	I

**Department of Geography** (<https://geog.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
GEOG2004	Atmospheric environment and global climate	6	I
GEOG2013	Sustainable development	6	I
GEOG2018	Transport geography	6	I
GEOG2030	Global development	6	I
GEOG2057	Leisure and recreation in modern society	6	I
GEOG2065	Urban planning: principles and practices	6	I
GEOG2078	Cities and the urban world: A global introduction to urban geography	6	I
GEOG2090	Introduction to geographic information systems	6	II
GEOG2096	Human impacts on ecosystems	6	I
GEOG2109	Population geography and social development	6	II
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis	6	I
GEOG2124	Environmental Change and Socio-political Conflicts	6	I
GEOG2126	Globalizing China: the land and the people	6	I
GEOG2127	Environmental management	6	I
GEOG2128	Economic Geography	6	I
GEOG2130	Field Methods in Geography	6	II
GEOG2136	Political Geography: International Relations and the World Economy	6	I
GEOG2138	Hong Kong's environment: issues and policies	6	II
GEOG2141	Remote sensing applications	6	II
GEOG2143	Planning in an era of changes	6	II
GEOG2144	The evolution of transport policy in Hong Kong	6	II
GEOG2147	Building smart cities with GIS	6	I

GEOG2149	Financial geography	6	II
GEOG2152	Health and medical geography	6	II
GEOG2153	Smartphones, K-pop, and Kimchi: South Korea beyond the miracle	6	II
GEOG2154	Healthy Food, Place, and Sustainability	6	I
GEOG2156	Understanding Global Environmental Changes from Images	6	II
GEOG2157	Open-source GIS	6	II
GEOG2160	Sustainable Waste Management and Circular Economy in Hong Kong	6	I
GEOG2161	Sustainability assessment, analysis and management	6	II
GEOG2164	The creative city	6	II
GEOG2165	Global landforms	6	I
GEOG2166	Mapping the FinTech – Landscape innovation, space and challenges	6	I
GEOG2167	Energy, environment, and climate	6	II
GEOG2169	Geography and global health	6	I
GEOG3203	Climate change and the environment	6	II
GEOG3204	Urban hydrology and water quality	6	II
GEOG3207	Environmental management: Impact Assessment	6	II
GEOG3214	Corporate social responsibility and environmental auditing	6	I
GEOG3304	Tourism policy and planning	6	II
GEOG3414	Social justice and the city	6	II
GEOG3417	Health, wellbeing, place and GIS	6	II
GEOG3420	Transport and the society	6	I
GEOG3422	Contemporary urban transportation issues	6	II
GEOG3424	Urban development and planning: the Hong Kong experience	6	I
GEOG3429	Geographies of transpacific empires	6	II
GEOG3430	Geospatial data for environment change	6	II
GEOG3431	Advanced GIS	6	II
GEOG3432	GIS Workshop	6	II

**Department of Politics and Public Administration** (<https://ppa.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<b><i>Introductory Course</i></b>			

SINO1003	Greater China: A Multidisciplinary Introduction	6	I
<b>Advanced Courses</b>			
POLI3001	Special topics in political science: The Middle East and North Africa in international relations	6	I
POLI3002	Special topics in political theory	6	II
POLI3005	Capitalism and social justice	6	II
POLI3027	Public policy making: theories and application	6	I
POLI3035	Public administration in Hong Kong	6	I
POLI3037	Managing people in public organisation	6	II
POLI3047	United States foreign policy	6	I
POLI3051	Issues in Chinese political philosophy	6	I
POLI3052	International relations of East Asia	6	I
POLI3059	China and the world	6	II
POLI3065	Public organisation and management	6	II
POLI3067	Sex, drugs, and the limits of liberalism	6	II
POLI3077	Special topics in comparative politics	6	II
POLI3080	Global political economy	6	II
POLI3098	Nonprofit management	6	I
POLI3103	Politics of the Global South	6	I
POLI3113	On the Ethics of Violence	6	II
POLI3115	Politics and public opinion	6	I
POLI3119	Causes of international war	6	II
POLI3121	Environmental policy	6	II
POLI3131	In search of good policy: an introduction to policy evaluation	6	II
POLI3133	Contemporary Southeast Asian politics	6	I
POLI3138	Institutional analysis for reform	6	I
POLI3140	International development	6	II
POLI3148	Data science in politics and public administration	6	I
POLI3149	Issues in digital governance	6	I
POLI3152	Democracy theory	6	I
POLI3153	Diversity and equity in public administration: a comparative perspective	6	II

**Department of Psychology** (<https://psychology.hku.hk/> or <https://psychology.hku.hk/undergraduate/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<b>Introductory Course</b>			
PSYC1001	Introduction to psychology	6	I and II
<b>Advanced Courses</b>			
PSYC2019*	Psychology of personality	6	I
PSYC2020*	Fundamentals of social psychology	6	I
PSYC2022*	Biological psychology	6	I
PSYC2066*	Foundations of cognitive science	6	I
PSYC2074*	Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy	6	I
PSYC2101*	Foundations of neuroscience	6	I
PSYC2111*	Neurobiological basis of psychological issues	6	I
PSYC2007*	Cognitive psychology	6	II
PSYC2009*	Life-span developmental psychology	6	II
PSYC2020*	Fundamentals of social psychology	6	II
PSYC2051*	Perception	6	II
PSYC2062*	Introduction to psychopathology	6	II
PSYC2065*	Health psychology	6	II
PSYC2103*	Foundations of neuroscience II	6	II
PSYC2110*	Developmental neuroscience	6	II
PSYC2072*	Research internship in psychology I ( <a href="#">Course Outline</a> )	6	I and II
PSYC2073*	Research internship in psychology II ( <a href="#">Course Outline</a> )	6	I and II

**Department of Social Work and Social Administration**

(<https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/> or <https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/bsw/curriculum-structure/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<b>Introductory Courses</b>			
SOWK1004B	Human behaviour and the social environment (I)	6	II
SOWK1012A & B	Communication and counselling skills in everyday life	6	I and II
SOWK1015	Introduction to social policy and social development	6	I

<b>Advanced Courses</b>			
SOWK2023	Social policy issues in Hong Kong	6	I
SOWK2075	Violence in intimate relationships	6	I
SOWK2099	Separation, divorce and remarriage	6	I
SOWK2111	Additive behavior	6	I
SOWK2131	Behavioral economics for social change	6	II
SOWK2133	Population Aging and the controversies	6	II
SOWK2141	Social entrepreneurship and social innovation	6	II
SOWK2142	Advanced social policy and social development	6	I
SOWK3087	Counselling for emotional and relational competence	6	I
SOWK3091	Mental health sciences and society	6	I
SOWK3099	Population and development	6	II
SOWK3115	Frontiers in interventions around death, dying and bereavement	6	II
SOWK3138	Advanced social data analysis	6	II
SOWK4055	Management in human service organizations	6	II

Department of Sociology (<https://sociology.hku.hk/> or <https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<b>Introductory Courses</b>			
SOCI1001	Introduction to sociology	6	I
SOCI1003	Introduction to anthropology	6	I
SOCI1004	Introduction to sociology: the world's on fire (and other problems)	6	II
<b>Advanced Courses</b>			
SOCI2010	Education and Society	6	II
SOCI2019	Modern Culture and Lifestyle	6	II
SOCI2021	Marriage and the family	6	I
SOCI2044	Economic sociology	6	I
SOCI2055	Tourism, Culture and Society	6	I
SOCI2056	Criminal justice: policy and practice	6	II
SOCI2067	Crime and the media	6	I
SOCI2071	Criminology	6	II

SOCI2078	Drug control in comparative perspective	6	I
SOCI2080	Media and culture in modern societies	6	I
SOCI2081	Sexuality, Culture and Identify	6	II
SOCI2035	Special Topics in Social and Cultural Anthropology – Culture and Cognition	6	I
SOCI2095	Quantitative social sciences: from correlation to causality	6	II
SOCI3069	Crime and the city	6	II

**Journalism and Media Studies Centre** (<https://jmsc.hku.hk/>)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Offering Semester
<b>Introductory Courses</b>			
JMSC1001	Principles of journalism and the news media	6	II
<b>Advanced Courses</b>			
JMSC2001*	Media law and ethics	6	I
JMSC2002*	Video news production	6	I and II
JMSC2003*	Online journalism	6	I and II
JMSC2007*	Introduction to photography	6	I and II
JMSC2009*	Visual journalism	6	I
JMSC2013*	The press, politics and government	6	II
JMSC2014*	Public affairs reporting	6	I
JMSC2015*	Documentary film appreciation	6	I
JMSC2021*	Introduction to strategic communication	6	I
JMSC3004*	Fundamentals of business & financial Journalism	6	I
JMSC3013*	Multimedia magazine design	6	I