

# Course Selection Briefing

## for Direct Admissions Students



Faculty of  
**Social Sciences**  
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# Course Selection Briefing

Date: July 26, 2023 (Wednesday)

Time: 11:00am to 12:00nn

- Rundown:
- 1. Registration Information**
  - 2. Graduation Requirements**
  - 3. Scenarios for Major & Minor Options**
  - 4. Important Reminders**
  - 5. Briefing on Social Innovation / Global Citizenship**
  - 6. Student Sharing**
  - 7. Q&A**

# Registration Information

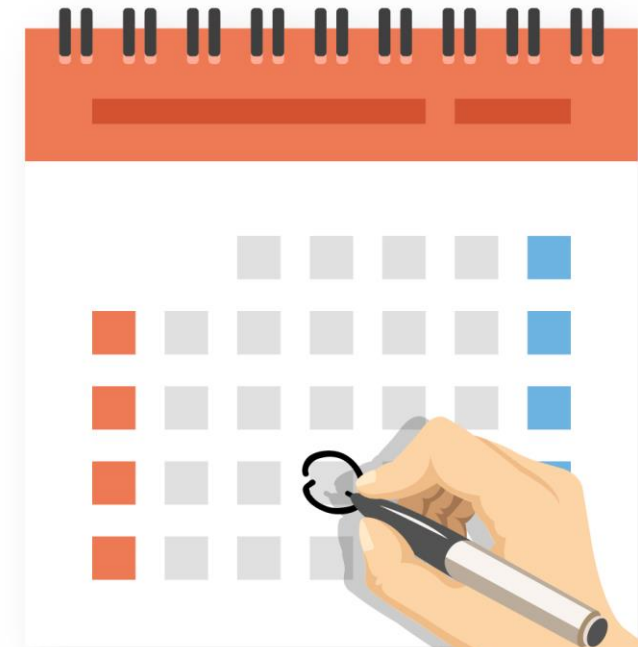
1. [Notes for New Students](#)
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# Important Dates

Date (2023)	Events
<b>August 2</b> (12:00) – <b>August 8</b> (16:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course selection</li><li>• Declaration of major</li></ul>
<b>August 3</b> (14:30) – <b>August 8</b> (16:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check course selection status online via HKU Portal</li></ul>
<b>August 16</b> (14:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faculty Induction Talk</li></ul>
<b>August 31</b> (14:00) – <b>September 14</b> (16:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add-drop period (2 weeks)</li></ul>
<b>September 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First day of teaching</li></ul>



# Faculty Induction Talk

Date: August 16, 2023 (Wednesday)

Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall II

- **Faculty Introduction and Academic Information**
- **Breakout sessions for Bachelor of Social Sciences**

# First-year Experience Activities

October 2023

**Briefing on Social Innovation and Global Citizenship**

January 2024

**Internship Week**

*Confirmed schedule will be announced after start of the semester*



# 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)
- A non-credit-bearing online course UG5E1001

## 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 an additional minor

# Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

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			
<b>China Studies</b> (Social Sciences Stream)	18	0	12	54	<b>Free Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36 advanced credits (Any introductory courses should be taken on top of 120 credits)</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <b>Minor in any disciplines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36 credits (subject to the requirements of individual programme) <sup>5 &amp; 6</sup></li> </ul>	120		
<b>Geography</b>	18	0	12	54		120		
<b>Politics and Public Administration</b>	18	0	12	54		120		
<b>Psychology</b> (without course exemption) <b>or</b>	18	12 (PSYC1001 & PSYC1004) <sup>3 &amp; 4</sup>	12	48		<b>Minor in any disciplines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36 credits (subject to the requirements of individual programme) <sup>5 &amp; 6</sup></li> </ul>	120	
<b>Psychology</b> (with PSYC1001 exemption)		6 (PSYC1004) <sup>4</sup>						
<b>Social Policy and Social Development</b>	18	0	12	54				120
<b>Sociology</b>	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 Policy and Social Development
  - Sociology
2. University requirements include a 6-credit of English in the Discipline course, two 6-credit courses in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry, and a non-credit-bearing online course UG5E1001.
3. Psychology major students without PSYC1001 exemption are required to take **72 credits** for the disciplinary major, and are only required to take **30 credits** of free electives at advanced level to fulfil the graduation requirements.

# Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

4. Psychology students who plan to conduct independent empirical research in the final year are advised to take **PSYC1004** in Semester 1 and **PSYC2060** in Semester 2 in Year 3.
5. Students opting for a minor under Faculty of Social Sciences (FoSS) 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. Students opting for a minor under non-FoSS 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.

## FAQs

# 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).

# Important Reminders



1. Website: [www.socsc.hku.hk](http://www.socsc.hku.hk)
2. [Regulations and syllabuses \(2021-2022\)](#)
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](mailto:socscug@hku.hk)

# Important Reminders



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

# **Briefing on Social Innovation / Global Citizenship**

**Ms Elsa Lam,  
Director of Experiential Learning**



# **Student Sharing**

## **on Course Registration Demonstration**

**Miss Winifred Wong**

# **Welcome from Social Sciences Society**

**Miss Alice Chan**

# Q&A





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