

**HONG KONG METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY**  
**(Formerly The Open University of Hong Kong)**

**Programme Requirements for Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Ageing Society and Services Studies (BSSCHAGSJ)**

To be eligible for the award of the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Ageing Society and Services Studies**, a student shall obtain the required number of credits specified below for the Year of entry, in courses prescribed and detailed on the programme tables.

For students admitted via Year 1 entry in or after 2021/22, via Year 2 entry in or after 2022/23 and via Year 3 entry in or after 2023/24, they must complete the four University Core Values Modules, namely Core Value I (Integrity), Core Value II (Fairness), Core Value III (Perseverance), and Core Value IV (Innovation) for graduation.

**Year 1 Entry**

A student admitted to the programme through Year 1 Entry needs to complete a total of 160 credits and of which no more than 40 credits should be taken at Foundation Level. A student is required to complete:

1. 20 credits of Social Sciences Foundation Level courses in Table 1;
2. 10 credits of courses from Table 2;
3. 20 credits of courses in Table 3;
4. 5 credits of courses from Table 4;
5. 45 credits of courses in Table 5;
6. 5 credits of courses from Table 6;
7. 5 credits of courses from Table 7;
8. 5 credits of courses from Table 8;
9. 5 credits of courses from Table 9;
10. 10 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 10;
11. 10 credits of English Language Enhancement courses\*; and
12. 20 credits of purpose-designed General Education courses#.

*\* Note: Please refer to the updated list of English Language Enhancement courses posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_ENGLISH](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_ENGLISH)).*

*# Note: Please refer to the updated list of purpose-designed General Education course posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_GE](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_GE)).*

## **Year 2 Entry**

A student admitted to the programme through Year 2 Entry needs to complete a total of 120 credits and of which no more than 20 credits should be taken at Foundation Level. A student is required to complete:

1. 10 credits of courses from Table 2;
2. 20 credits of courses in Table 3;
3. 5 credits of courses from Table 4;
4. 45 credits of courses in Table 5;
5. 5 credits of courses from Table 6;
6. 5 credits of courses from Table 7;
7. 5 credits of courses from Table 8;
8. 5 credits of courses from Table 9;
9. 10 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 10; and
10. 10 credits of English Language Enhancement courses\*.

*\* Note: Please refer to the updated list of English Language Enhancement courses posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_ENGLISH](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_ENGLISH)).*

## **Year 3 Entry**

A student admitted to the programme through Year 3 Entry needs to complete a total of 80 credits. A student is required to complete:

1. 45 credits of courses in Table 5;
2. 5 credits of courses from Table 6;
3. 5 credits of courses from Table 7;
4. 5 credits of courses from Table 8;
5. 5 credits of courses from Table 9; and
6. 15 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 10.

Table 1: Foundation Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level
ECON A121F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics	5	Foundation
POLS A122F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Political Science	5	Foundation
PSYC A124F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	Foundation
SOCIA123F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	Foundation

Table 2: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
LIBS A221F	Critical Thinking	5	Middle	SR
STAT A221F	Statistics	5	Middle	SR
STAT A222F	Essentials of Research Inquiry	5	Middle	SR

Table 3: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A231F	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A236F	Positive Psychology and mental Health	5	Middle	SM
SOSC A211F	Introduction to Gerontology	5	Middle	SM
SOCIA221F	Social Problems and Social Issues	5	Middle	SM

Table 4: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A232F	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A239F	Criminal Psychology	5	Middle	SM
PUAD A222F	Introduction to Public Administration	5	Middle	SM

Table 5: Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A341F	The Economics of Health and Long Term Care	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A322F	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A341F	Psychology of Ageing	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA313F	Health, Illness and Services for an Ageing Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA320F	Hong Kong Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA323F	Social Policy and Social Administration	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A312F	Applied Nutrition in Ageing	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A341F	Practical Skills in Social Services I	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A342F	Practical Skills in Social Services II	5	Higher	SH

Table 6: Higher Level

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
PSYC A321F	Social Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A329F	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	5	Higher	SH

Table 7: Higher Level

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
PUAD A322F	Public Sector Management	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A323F	Public Policy Studies	5	Higher	SH

Table 8: Higher Level

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
SOCIA325F	Understanding Chinese Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA327F	Globalization, Social Policy and Everyday Life	5	Higher	SH

Table 9: Higher Level

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
SOCIA332F	Ageing: Issues and Perspectives	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA333F	Family, Gender and Sexuality	5	Higher	SH

Table 10: Higher Level

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
ECON A311F	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A312F	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A313F	Introductory Econometrics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A314F	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	Higher	SH
ECON A323F	Industrial Organization	5	Higher	SH
ECON A324F	Global Political Economy	5	Higher	SH
ECON A329F	Economic Growth and Development	5	Higher	SH
ECON A330F	International Trade	5	Higher	SH
ECON A331F	International Finance	5	Higher	SH
ECON A332F	Applied Business Economics	5	Higher	SH

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
POLS A323F	Hong Kong Government and Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A326F	Theories of International Relations	5	Higher	SH
POLS A328F	Comparative Democratization	5	Higher	SH
POLS A330F	Contemporary Political Theory	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A320F	Personality Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A321F	Social Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A323F	Biological Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A324F	Cognitive Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A325F	Abnormal Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A326F	Clinical Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A328F	Consumer Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A329F	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A330F	Learning and Motivation	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A331F	Research Methods in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A333F	Current Issues in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A334F	Psychological Testing and Assessment	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A342F	Behavioural Economics	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A322F	Public Sector Management	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A323F	Public Policy Studies	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA325F	Understanding Chinese Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA327F	Globalization, Social Policy and Everyday Life	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA329F	Crime Control and Punishment in Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA331F	Perspectives and Issues on Contemporary Urban Development	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA332F	Ageing: Issues and Perspectives	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA333F	Family, Gender and Sexuality	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A421F	Honours Thesis	10	Higher	HH

### Honours Classification

For the purpose of honours classification of the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Ageing Society and Services Studies** programme, the weighted grade point average (WGPA) will be calculated as follows:

(1) Group (a) courses: 40 credits from Higher Level courses listed below.

ECON A341F	PSYC A321F	PSYC A322F	PSYC A341F
PUAD A322F	SOCI A313F	SOCI A320F	SOCI A323F
SOCI A327F	SOCI A332F	SOCI A333F	SOSC A312F
SOSC A341F	SOSC A342F	SOSC A421F	

(2) Group (b) courses:

- a) For Year 1 and Year 2 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 20 credits from ECON A231F, PSYC A236F, SOCI A221F and SOSC A211F, and 20 credits from Higher Level courses listed in paragraph (1) above (where such credits have not been taken into account for calculation in Group (a) courses) and other Middle or Higher Level courses labelled SM, SR, SH or HH in Tables 2 to 10.
- b) For Year 3 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 40 credits from Higher Level courses listed in paragraph (1) above (where such credits have not been taken into account for calculation in Group (a) courses) and other Higher Level courses labelled SH or HH in Tables 5 to 10.

(3) The weight for the calculation of WGPA for Group (a) courses is 1.5.

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