

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

Programme Requirements for Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Politics and Public Administration (BSSCHPAJ)

To be eligible for the award of the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Politics and Public Administration**, 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 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. 10 credits of courses in Table 3;
4. 10 credits of courses from Table 4;
5. 40 credits of courses from Table 5;
6. 30 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 6;
7. 10 credits of Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR or SH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 2 or Table 6;
8. 10 credits of English Language Enhancement courses*; and

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

9. 20 credits of purpose-designed General Education courses[#].

[#] Note: Please refer to the updated list of purpose-designed General Education courses posted on the University website (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 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. 10 credits of courses in Table 3;
3. 10 credits of courses from Table 4;
4. 40 credits of courses from Table 5;
5. 30 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 6;
6. 10 credits of Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR or SH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 2 or Table 6; and
7. 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).*

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. 40 credits of courses from Table 5;
2. 30 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or HH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 6; and
3. 10 credits of Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR or SH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 2 or Table 6.

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
SOCI A123F	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
STAT A223F	Applications of Big Data Analysis in the Society	5	Middle	SR

Table 3: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
POLS A221F	Introductory Comparative Politics	5	Middle	SM
PUAD A222F	Introduction to Public Administration	5	Middle	SM

Table 4: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A231F	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A232F	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A236F ¹	Positive Psychology and Mental Health	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A239F	Criminal Psychology	5	Middle	SM
SOCI A220F	Essentials of Sociological Inquiry	5	Middle	SM
SOCI A221F	Social Problems and Social Issues	5	Middle	SM

Table 5: Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A321F	Economic System of Hong Kong	5	Higher	SH
ECON A322F	Applied Economics in Public Policy Analysis	5	Higher	SH
ECON A324F	Global Political Economy	5	Higher	SH
POLS A322F	Contemporary Chinese Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A323F	Hong Kong Government and Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A324F	Chinese Foreign Policy	5	Higher	SH
POLS A325F	Selected Topics in Contemporary Hong Kong Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A326F	Theories of International Relations	5	Higher	SH
POLS A327F	Studying Politics Through Films	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A322F	Public Sector Management	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A323F	Public Policy Studies	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A323F	Social Policy and Social Administration	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A325F	Understanding Chinese Society	5	Higher	SH

Table 6: Middle and Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
ECON A212F	Introduction to China and Regional Development	5	Middle	SM
ECON A231F	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A232F	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A233F	Mathematics for Economics	5	Middle	SM
POLS A214F	International Organizations and Global Governance	5	Middle	SM
POLS A221F	Introductory Comparative Politics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A236F ¹	Positive Psychology and Mental Health	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A239F	Criminal Psychology	5	Middle	SM
PUAD A222F	Introduction to Public Administration	5	Middle	SM
SOCI A220F	Essentials of Sociological Inquiry	5	Middle	SM
SOCI A221F	Social Problems and Social Issues	5	Middle	SM
SOSC A211F	Introduction to Gerontology	5	Middle	SM
ECON A311F	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A312F	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A313F	Introductory Economics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A314F	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	Higher	SH
ECON A321F	Economic System of Hong Kong	5	Higher	SH
ECON A322F	Applied Economics in Public Policy Analysis	5	Higher	SH
ECON A323F	Industrial Organization	5	Higher	SH
ECON A324F	Global Political Economy	5	Higher	SH
ECON A325F	Money, Banking and Financial Markets	5	Higher	SH
ECON A326F	Chinese Economy	5	Higher	SH
ECON A327F	Labour Economics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A328F	International Economics	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
ECON A341F	The Economics of Health and Long Term Care	5	Higher	SH
ECON A342F	Selected Topics in Hong Kong Economic Policy Analysis	5	Higher	SH
POLS A312F	Politics and International Relations in East Asian Region	5	Higher	SH
POLS A315F	Non/Post-Western International Relations	5	Higher	SH
POLS A316F	China and Global Governance	5	Higher	SH
POLS A322F	Contemporary Chinese Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A323F	Hong Kong Government and Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A324F	Chinese Foreign Policy	5	Higher	SH
POLS A325F	Selected Topics in Contemporary Hong Kong Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A326F	Theories of International Relations	5	Higher	SH
POLS A327F	Studying Politics Through Films	5	Higher	SH
POLS A328F	Comparative Democratization	5	Higher	SH
POLS A329F	Political Analysis	5	Higher	SH
POLS A330F	Contemporary Political Theory	5	Higher	SH
POLS A331F	Civil Society and Governance	5	Higher	SH

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
POLS A332F	Comparative Authoritarianism	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A320F	Personality Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A321F	Social Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A322F	Life-Span Developmental 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 A332F	History and Systems of Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A333F	Current Issues in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A341F	Psychology of Ageing	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
PUAD A324F	Selected Topics in Public Administration	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A341F	Selected Topics in Hong Kong Public Policy Analysis	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A311F	Mobility, Place, Culture	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A313F	Health, Illness and Services for an Ageing Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A314F	Tourism, Globalization and Sustainable Development	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A317F	Ethnicity, Nationalism and Multiculturalism in a Globalizing World	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A320F	Hong Kong Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A321F	Tourism and Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A322F	Media, Culture and Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A323F	Social Policy and Social Administration	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A325F	Understanding Chinese Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A327F	Globalization, Social Policy and Everyday Life	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A328F	Perspectives and Issues on Crime	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A329F	Crime Control and Punishment in Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A330F	Masters of Social Thoughts	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A331F	Perspectives and Issues on Contemporary Urban Development	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A332F	Ageing: Issues and Perspectives	5	Higher	SH
SOCI A333F	Family, Gender and Sexuality	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A312F	Applied Nutrition in Ageing	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A329F	Economics and Psychology of Investing	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A421F	Honours Thesis	10	Higher	HH

Note:

1. PSYC A221F has been replaced by PSYC A236F. If students have successfully completed PSYC A221F, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements of PSYC A236F.

Honours Classification

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

- (1) Group (a) courses: 40 credits from Higher Level Public Administration and Politics courses listed below.

ECON A321F	ECON A322F	ECON A324F	POLS A322F
POLS A323F	POLS A324F	POLS A325F	POLS A326F
POLS A327F	POLS A328F	POLS A329F	POLS A330F
POLS A331F	POLS A332F	PUAD A322F	PUAD A323F
PUAD A324F	SOCIA323F	SOCIA325F	SOSC A421F

- (2) Group (b) courses:

- (a) For Year 1 and Year 2 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 10 credits from POLS A221F, PUAD A222F and 30 credits from Higher Level Politics and Public Administration 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 labeled SM, SR or SH in Tables 2 and 6.
- (b) For Year 3 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 40 credits from Higher Level Politics and Public Administration 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 labeled SM, SR, or SH in Tables 2 and 6.

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

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