

## Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours

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The programmes of Bachelor of Social Sciences and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours have been phased out effective from 2023 Spring Term. The University will continue to confer the awards up to December 2027.

These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.

In these regulations definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees and in the Interpretation Section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.

### Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSSC)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences**, a student shall:
  - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
  - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
  - c) obtain at least 120 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
  - d) obtain at least 80 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree for which notice has been given, including at least 20 credits in courses at Higher level.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
  - a) successfully complete 20 credits from course(s) labelled FD in Table 1, i.e.  
20 credits from SOSC A112 and SOSC A121 and SOSC A122;  
OR  
20 credits from SOSC A112C and SOSC A121C and SOSC A122C; and
  - b) obtain at least 60 credits from Social Science courses (labelled OD in Table 1), of which at least 20 credits must be gained at Higher level; and
  - c) successfully complete 40 credits from any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 120 credits\*, no more than 40 credits are gained at Foundation level.

\* Of the 120 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 40 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

### Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours (BSSCH)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours**, a student shall:
  - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
  - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and

- c) obtain at least 160 credits, of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
- d) obtain at least 40 credits in courses at Higher level; and
- e) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
- a) successfully complete 40 credits of compulsory courses labelled HC in Table 1, i.e.
- (i) 20 credits from SOSC A112 and SOSC A121 and SOSC A122;
- OR
- 20 credits from SOSC A112C and SOSC A121C and SOSC A122C; and
- (ii) 20 credits from SOSC A303 or SOSC A313 or SOSC A313C
- b) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled ME in Table 1; and
- c) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled HE in Table 1; and
- d) successfully complete 40 credits from any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 160 credits \*, no more than 40 credits are gained at Foundation level.
- \* Of the 160 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 50 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.
3. Each degree with Honours shall be conferred with a classification of First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) or Third Class save that exceptionally a degree may be conferred without classification.
4. Subject to the requirements of the relevant programme of study, each person on whom an Honours degree is to be conferred shall be assigned to a classification determined by the University according to its regulations.
5. For the calculation of scores for classification purposes in the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours**, the University has deemed that "Group (a)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher level listed in Table 1, and that "Group (b)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher or Middle level listed in Table 1, where such credits are not taken into account in "Group (a)". Further, that "X" shall equal one, that is "Group (a)" and "Group (b)" shall be equally weighted. (Refer to the paragraphs on Classification of the Degree with Honours of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.)

**Table 1: Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 2)**

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSC	BSSCH	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>					
SOSC A112	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	FD	HC	--
SOSC A121	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	FD	HC	--
SOSC A122	Understanding Sociology	5	FD	HC	--

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSC	BSSCH	Honours Classification Group
SOSC A112C <sup>1</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	FD	HC	--
SOSC A121C <sup>1,2</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	FD	HC	--
SOSC A122C <sup>1,2</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	FD	HC	--
<i>Middle level</i>					
CHST A201 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Chinese Society	10	OD	ME	b
ECON A231 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	OD	ME	b
ECON A232 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	OD	ME	b
ECON A231C <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	OD	ME	b
ECON A232C <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	OD	ME	b
GCST A216 <sup>2</sup>	Chinese International Relations since 1949	10	OD	ME	b
LESM A201	Hong Kong Criminal Justice System	10	OD	ME	b
LIBS A201	The Pacific Century	10	OD	ME	b
POLS A201 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Political Science	10	OD	ME	b
POLS A201C <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Political Science	10	OD	ME	b
POLS A211 <sup>1</sup>	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	OD	ME	b
POLS A211C <sup>1</sup>	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	OD	ME	b
PSYC A227	Positive Psychology	10	OD	ME	b
PSYC A228 <sup>2</sup>	Introduction to Psychology	10	OD	ME	b
PSYC A229 <sup>2</sup>	Biological Psychology: Theories and Principles	10	OD	ME	b
PSYC A230 <sup>2</sup>	Developmental Psychology	10	OD	ME	b
PSYC A231	Introduction to Counselling Psychology	5	OD	ME	b
PSYC A232	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	5	OD	ME	b
PUAD A202	Introduction to Public Administration	5	OD	ME	b
PUAD A203	Introduction to Public Policy	5	OD	ME	b
SOCI A202 <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong Society	10	OD	ME	b
SOCI A202C <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong Society	10	OD	ME	b
SOCI A208	Welfare, Crime and Society	20	OD	ME	b
STAT S242 <sup>1,2</sup>	Statistics in Society	10	OD	ME	b

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSC	BSSCH	Honours Classification Group
<i>Higher level</i>					
SOSC A313 <sup>1,2</sup>	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	OD	HC	a or b
SOSC A313C <sup>1,2</sup>	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	OD	HC	a or b
CHST A312 <sup>1</sup>	Global Politics and China	10	OD	HE	a or b
CHST A322 <sup>1</sup>	Governing China	10	OD	HE	a or b
LESM A302	Public Order Management	5	OD	HE	a or b
LESM A303	Law Enforcement and Policing in Chinese Society	5	OD	HE	a or b
LESM A305	Major Issues in Criminology and Penology	10	OD	HE	a or b
LIBS A301	A World of Whose Making? Politics, Economics, Technology and Culture in International Studies	20	OD	HE	a or b
POLS A301	International Organizations	10	OD	HE	a or b
POLS A312 <sup>1</sup>	Global Politics: Theory and Practice of International Relations	20	OD	HE	a or b
PSYC A318	History of Psychology	10	OD	HE	a or b
PSYC A319	Theories of Personality Psychology	10	OD	HE	a or b
PSYC A320 <sup>1,2</sup>	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	OD	HE	a or b
PSYC A321 <sup>1,2</sup>	Social Psychology: Theories & Applications	20	OD	HE	a or b
PUAD A301	Public Sector Management in Hong Kong	10	OD	HE	a or b
SOCI A301 <sup>1,2</sup>	Crime and Justice	20	OD	HE	a or b
SOCI A318	Culture, Media and Identities	20	OD	HE	a or b

**Notes:**

1. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an HKMU award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combinations](#) for details.
2. The following phased out courses are no longer available. Students who have successfully completed any of these courses can have the credits awarded for the phased out course(s) counted towards the BSSC & BSSCH programmes, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.

Table 2: Phased out courses

Phased out courses			Replacement courses			Label in	
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC	BSSCH
SOSC A101/ SOSC A101W	Social Sciences: A Foundation Course	20	SOSC A112	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	FD	HC
			SOSC A121	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	FD	HC
			SOSC A122	Understanding Sociology	5	FD	HC
SOSC A111C/ SOSC A111CW	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology and Sociology	10	SOSC A121C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	FD	HC
			SOSC A122C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	FD	HC
ECON A230	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	OD	ME
			ECON A232	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	OD	ME
HIST A202	Modern China (1900-1978)	10	GCST A216	Chinese International Relations since 1949	10	OD	ME
MATH S242	Statistics in Society	10	STAT S242	Statistics in Society	10	OD	ME
PSYC A202	Introduction to Psychology	20	No replacement			OD	ME
PSYC A209	Child Development	20	PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	OD	ME
PSYC A212	Exploring Psychology	20	PYSC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	OD	ME
PSYC A212C	Introductory Psychology: Theory and Application	20	PYSC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	OD	ME
PSYC A215C	Developmental Psychology	20	PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	OD	ME
PSYC A226	Biological Psychology: Exploring the Brain	10	PSYC A229	Biological Psychology: Theories and Principles	10	OD	ME
SOCI A201	Sociology and Society	20	No replacement			OD	ME
SOCI A213	Understanding Modern Societies	20	No replacement			OD	ME

Phased out courses			Replacement courses			Label in	
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC	BSSCH
POLS A308	Democratic Government and Politics	20	No replacement			OD	HE
POLS A316	Democracy: From Classical Times to the Present	20	No replacement			OD	HE
PSYC A303	Cognitive Psychology and the Mind	20	PSYC A320	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	OD	ME
PSYC A307	Social Psychology: Critical Perspectives on Self and Others	20	PSYC A321	Social Psychology: Theories and Applications	20	OD	ME
PSYC A309	Cognitive Psychology	20	No replacement			OD	HE
PSYC A309C	Cognitive Psychology	20	PSYC A320	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	OD	ME
PSYC A317	Social Psychology: Personal Lives, Social Worlds	20	PSYC A307	Social Psychology: Critical Perspectives on Self and Others	20	OD	HE
PSYC A317C	Social Psychology	20	PSYC A321	Social Psychology: Theories and Applications	20	OD	HE
SOCI A310	Crime, Justice and Society	20	No replacement			OD	HE
SOCI A315	Crime, Order and Social Control	20	SOCI A301	Crime and Justice	20	OD	HE
SOSC A303	Principles of Social and Educational Research	20	No replacement			OD	HC

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