

(For all students in the Program)

Undergraduate Minor Program in Social Science

Except for those studying in the BSc program in Global China Studies: Humanities and Social Science and the BSc program in Quantitative Social Analysis, any undergraduate student with a CGA of 1.5 or above may enroll in the Social Science Minor Program. They must declare their intention to enroll in the minor program no earlier than the second regular term of their second year of study, but no later than the last day of the add/drop period in the first regular term of their final year of study. Students who wish to withdraw from the minor program should apply before the last day of the add/drop period in the second regular term of their final year of study.

The Social Science courses are grouped into three areas, namely (1) Economic and Political Development, (2) Social Relations, and (3) Sustainability and Society. Students may specialize in a single area or take courses across different areas according to their interest.

Minor Requirements

To graduate with a minor in Social Science, the students must have enrolled in the minor program and complete a minimum total of 18 credits and all of its requirements, as well as all the requirements of their major program of study; and have attained an average grade point of at least 1.5 in courses taken in the minor program.

A maximum total of 6 credits completed successfully outside HKUST can be transferred to the Minor Program. Courses accepted for credit transfer must normally be at a level equivalent to 1000-level or above at HKUST.

Out of the total credits required by the minor program, at least 9 credits should be single-counted within the minor and are not used to fulfill any other requirements for graduation except the 120-credit degree requirement.

Courses used to fulfill the requirements of other minor programs offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science cannot be used to count toward the Social Science Minor Program.

Students may use no more than 6 credits earned from courses offered in self-paced online delivery mode to satisfy the graduation requirements of a degree program. This 6-credit limit does not apply to credits obtained through the credit transfer procedures of the University.

Some courses in the curriculum have been previously coded with CORE-prefix where the special CORE-prefix has been replaced by the domain code of courses starting from Fall 2023-24. Students who have registered with these CORE-coded courses may look up their latest course codes by consulting the conversion table published on the Common Core website.

Elective(s)

**Minimum
credit(s)
required**

SOSC		Social Science Elective (Courses from the specified elective list, of which at least 9 credits must be at the 2000-/3000-/4000- level.)	18
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Economic and Political Development

SOSC	1000G	Introduction to International Relations	3
SOSC	1270	International Law	3
SOSC	1300	The World of Politics	3
SOSC	1350	Contemporary China: Continuity and Change	3
SOSC	1420	Poverty	3
SOSC	1440	Introduction to Economics	3

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SOSC	1450	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
SOSC	1470	The Economic and Political Development of Modern Japan	3
SOSC	1510	Politics Through Film	3
SOSC	1661	Contemporary Hong Kong: Government & Politics	3
SOSC	1700	What Is Democracy?	3
SOSC	1780	Population and Development in China	3
SOSC	1840	Government, Law and Society in China	3
SOSC	2000C	Comparative Public Policy	3
SOSC	2000D	Environmental Politics	3
SOSC	2000F	Political Sociology: Concepts, Theories and Applications	3
SOSC	2000G	Social, Economic, and Political Elites: Past and Present	3
SOSC	2140	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	3
SOSC	2310	Introductory Environmental and Health Economics	3
SOSC	2320	Exploring Political Theory	3
SOSC	2330	Environmental Politics and Policy	3
SOSC	3000A	Economic History of Europe and the West: A Global Perspective	3
SOSC	3000E	Food Policy for Developing Countries	3
SOSC	3000I	American Politics	3
SOSC	3120	Economic Development	3
SOSC	3180	Political Issues in Hong Kong from a Comparative Perspective	3
SOSC	3410	East Asian Economic Development	3
SOSC	3520	Understanding Comparative Politics	3
SOSC	3530	Social Movements and Contentious Politics	3
SOSC	3600	Public Policy Analysis	3
SOSC	3630	Democracy and Democratization around the World	3
SOSC	3800	Ethics, Emerging Technologies and Public Policy	3
SOSC	3850	Ethics and Public Affairs	3
SOSC	4000A	China in Comparative Perspective	3
SOSC	4000B	The Supreme Court in American History	3
SOSC	4000E	Introduction to Society, Politics and Culture in Israel	3
SOSC	4000F	Jerusalem through the Ages: Historical Geography of the Holy City	3
SOSC	4000G	Hong Kong in the World	2
SOSC	4000H	Max Weber, China, and the West	3
SOSC	4000I	China's Belt and Road Initiative	3
SOSC	4000J	The New Silk Route: Social Science Perspectives	3
SOSC	4250	Experiments and Quasi-experiments in the Social Sciences	3
SOSC	4260	China's Economic Transformation	3
SOSC	4280	China in the Global Political Economy	3
SOSC	4310	Chinese Capitalism: Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3
SOSC	4500	The Politics of the State	3
SOSC	4600	Understanding Chinese Politics	3
Social Relations			
SOSC	1000A	Behavioral Games	3
SOSC	1000F	Globalization in Everyday Life	3
SOSC	1190	China and the World: China's Development in Historical and Comparative Perspectives	3

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SOSC	1662	Contemporary Hong Kong Society	3
SOSC	1850	Understanding Society	3
SOSC	1860	Population and Society	3
SOSC	1960	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOSC	1980	Psychology of Personal Growth	3
SOSC	1990	Research Methods in Psychological Science	3
SOSC	2000E	Community/Social Service Project	3
SOSC	2130	Education and Society	3
SOSC	2210	Social Psychology	3
SOSC	2240	Biological Psychology	3
SOSC	2250	Cognitive Psychology	3
SOSC	2290	Understanding Globalization	3
SOSC	2400	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research II	3
SOSC	2740	Gender and Society	3
SOSC	2780**	Modernization and Social Change	3
SOSC	2888	Special Topics in Psychology	1-4
SOSC	2980	Personality Psychology	3
SOSC	2990	Developmental Psychology	3
SOSC	3000C	Social Theory and Modernity	3
SOSC	3001	Understanding China, 1700-2000: A Data Analytic Approach	3
SOSC	3130	Hong Kong Culture	3
SOSC	3250	Gender and Development	3
SOSC	3550	Educational Psychology	3
SOSC	3720	Introduction to Social Network Analysis	3
SOSC	3880	Social Inequality and Social Mobility	3
SOSC	3888	Special Topics in Psychology	1-4
SOSC	3900	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOSC	3990	Health Psychology	3
SOSC	4000C	City and Modernity	4
SOSC	4270	Social Change in Contemporary China	3
SOSC	4330	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research III	3
Sustainability and Society			
SOSC	1100	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research I	3
SOSC	1130**	Science, Technology and Business	3
SOSC	1150	Science, Technology and Work	3
SOSC	1400	Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area	3
SOSC	2170**	Environment, Sustainability and Business: A Design Approach	3
SOSC	2310	Introductory Environmental and Health Economics	3
SOSC	3000J	AI Governance and Regulation	3
SOSC	3180	Political Issues in Hong Kong from a Comparative Perspective	3
SOSC	3240	Application of Geographical Information Systems	3
SOSC	3260	Sustainability Science: Policy Problems and Perspectives	3
SOSC	3540	Environmental Psychology	3
SOSC	4290	China's Sustainable Development	3
SOSC	4300	Computational Social Science	3

****Remarks on course(s):**

- SOSC 1130: The course was last offered in 2018-19 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 2170: The course was last offered in 2018-19 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 2780: The course was last offered in 2018-19 and was deleted subsequently.