

(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Some courses in the curriculum have been previously coded with CORE-prefix where the special CORE-prefix has been replaced by the domain code of courses starting from Fall 2023-24.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)
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| 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

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| SOSC | 1000G | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| SOSC | 1270 | International Law | 3 |
| SOSC | 1300 | The World of Politics | 3 |
| SOSC | 1309 | Making Sense of Government and Politics | 3 |
| SOSC | 1350 | Contemporary China: Continuity and Change | 3 |

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| SOSC | 1359 | China: Development and Transformations | 3 |
| SOSC | 1420 | Poverty | 3 |
| SOSC | 1440 | Introduction to Economics | 3 |
| SOSC | 1449 | Understanding Our Economy | 3 |
| 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

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| 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 |
| SOSC | 1662 | Contemporary Hong Kong Society | 3 |
| SOSC | 1850 | Understanding Society | 3 |
| SOSC | 1859 | Exploring Society | 3 |
| SOSC | 1860 | Population and Society | 3 |
| SOSC | 1960 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| SOSC | 1969 | Discovering Mind and Behavior | 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 | 2299 | The Rise and Fall of 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

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| 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 |

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| 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.
- SOSC 3260: The course was last offered in 2019-20 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 3410: The course was last offered in 2019-20 and was deleted subsequently.
- SOSC 4270: The course was last offered in 2019-20 and was deleted subsequently.