

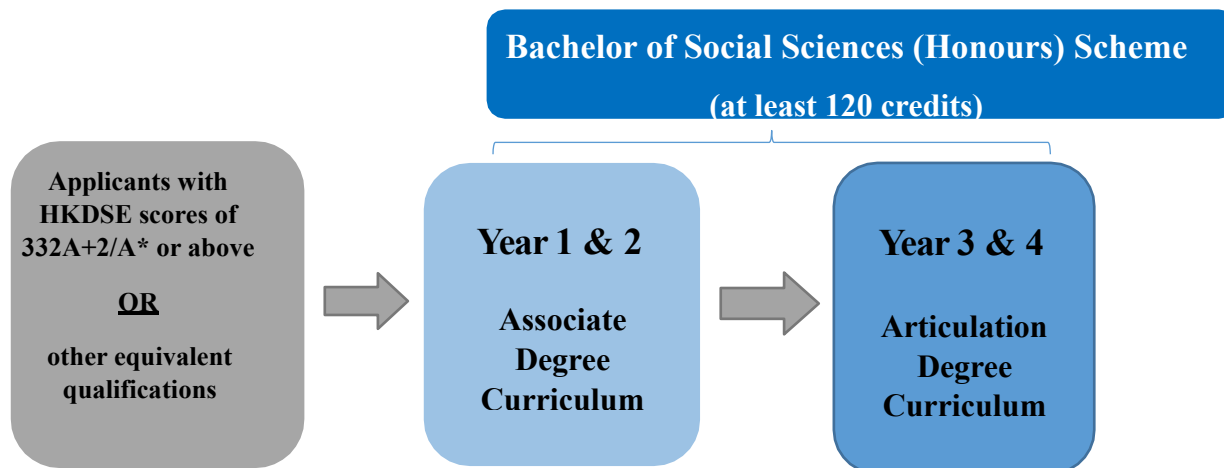
Programme Structure for
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) Scheme
comprising
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours)
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Policy and Management

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SCHEME CURRICULUM, STRUCTURE AND AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Credits Required for Graduation

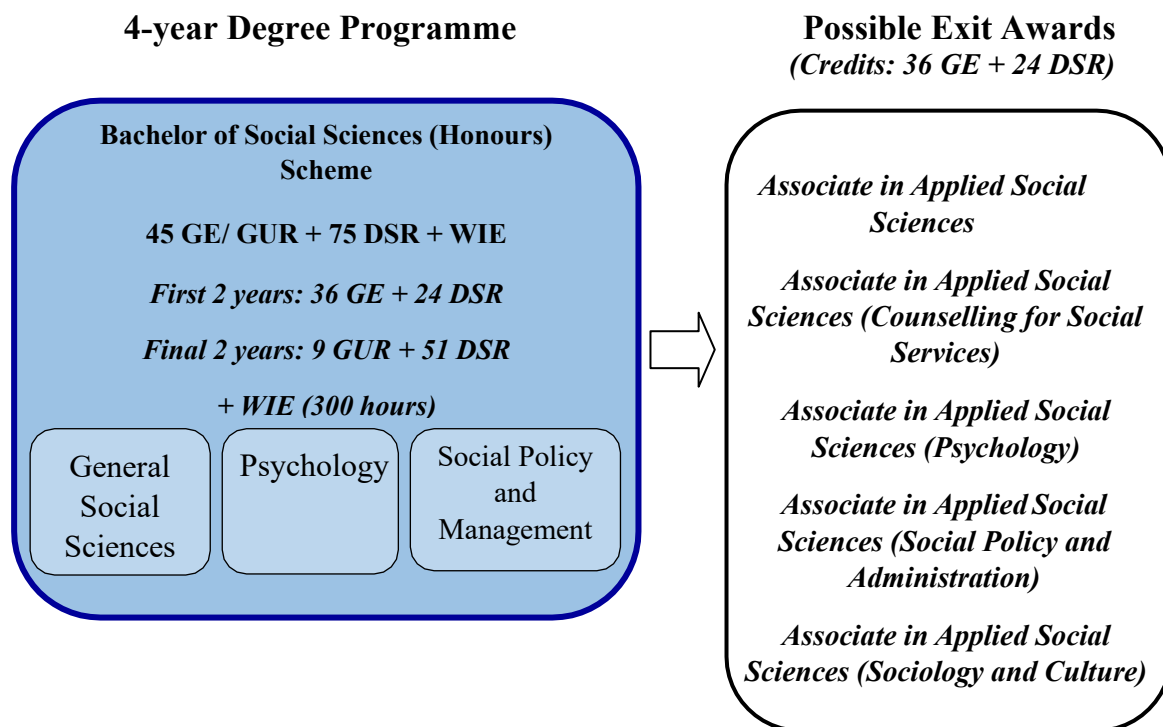
The programme of study for each award under the *Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) Scheme* consists of at least 120 credits. All students are also required to complete a Work-Integrated Education component.



* Level 3 in both Chinese Language and English Language, Level 2 in Mathematics, "Attained" level in Citizenship and Social Development, and Level 2 or "Attained" level in one elective in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examinations.

Study Pathways with possible Exit Awards

Students directly enrol on a 4-year degree programme will complete the first two years of study on Associate Degree curriculum. After two years of study, students may exit the programme with an exit award of Associate Degree in Applied Social Sciences, with or without specialisms, or with an exit award of other disciplines subject to the fulfilment of the respective award requirements.



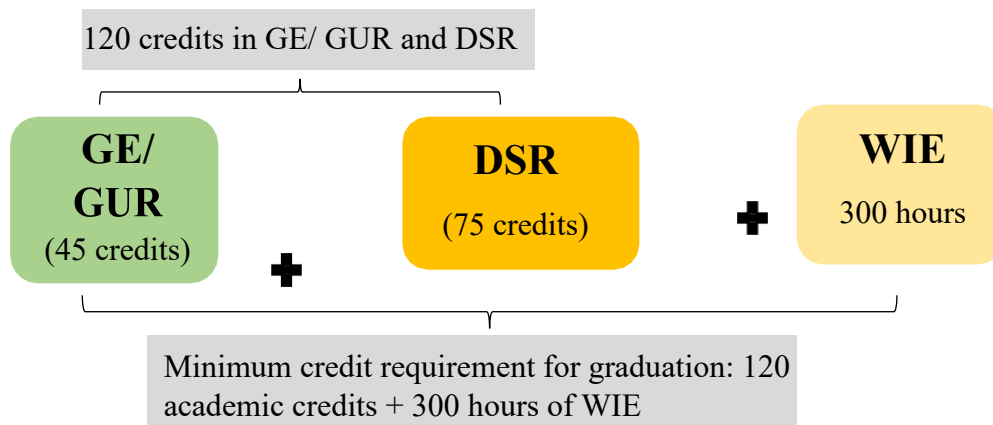
Directly enrol on a 4-year degree programme with the first 2 years of study on AD curriculum

Applicants with HKDSE 332A+2/A qualification Applicants with other equivalent qualifications

GE – General Education; GUR – General University Requirements DSR – Discipline-Specific Requirements
AD – Associate Degree

Scheme Structure

Possibility for exit with an Associate Degree in Applied Social Sciences



General Education (GE) / General University Requirements (GUR)	[45 credits]
GE Compulsory [including 9 credits for fulfillment of Language and Communication Requirements (LCR)]	[24 credits]
GE Elective	[12 credits]
GUR - Cluster Area Requirements (CAR)	[6 credits]
GUR - Service Learning (SL)/ Free Elective	[3 credits]
Essential Components of General Education	[0 credit]
Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR)	[75 credits]
Possibility for exit with <i>Associate in Applied Social Sciences:</i>	
DS Compulsory	[42 credits]
DS Elective	[33 credits]
Possibility for exit with <i>Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Counselling for Social Services):</i>	
DS Compulsory	[51 credits]
DS Elective	[24 credits]
Possibility for exit with <i>Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Psychology)/ Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Social Policy and Administration)/ Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Sociology and Culture):</i>	
DS Compulsory	[54 credits]
DS Elective	[21 credits]
300 hours of WIE	

Detailed requirements are listed below. Each subject under this Scheme carries 3 credits.

General Education (GE)/ General University Requirements (GUR) (45 credits)

A. First Two Years – GE (13 subjects, 36 credits)

Associate Degree in Applied Social Sciences as exit award

Scheme GE Compulsory Subjects (8 subjects, 24 credits)

- Elementary Statistics
- Information and Communication Technology
- The Art of Reasoning
- Hong Kong Society
- Self Understanding and Communication Skills
- English for Academic Studies (Social Sciences) I
- English for Academic Studies (Social Sciences) II
- Chinese Communication for College Students (Cantonese Version) OR Chinese Communication for College Students (Putonghua Version)*

** Students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below, will be required to take an alternative Chinese subject “Elementary Chinese”.*

Scheme GE Elective Subjects under the following 5 Cluster Areas (4 subjects, 12 credits)

- Human Nature, Relations and Development (HRD)
- Chinese History and Culture (CHC)
- Cultures, Organisations, Societies and Globalisation (COSG)
- Science, Technology and Environment (STE)
- Language and Communication (LC)

All students should complete 4 GE elective subjects. The GE elective subjects to be selected by a student, together with the GE compulsory subjects of Hong Kong Society and Self Understanding and Communication Skills should be under at least four of the five Cluster Areas, and at least one of them should be from the CHC cluster.

Essential Components of General Education

All students should complete a non-credit bearing subject Essential Components of General Education which consists of the following e-modules during their first year of study:

- (1) Academic Integrity
- (2) National Education
- (3) Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics
- (4) Innovation and Entrepreneurship

B. Final Two Years – GUR (3 subjects, 9 credits)

Cluster-Area Requirements (CAR) (2 subjects, 6 credits)

- One subject in the cluster area of “Chinese History and Culture” with embedded Chinese Reading and Writing Requirements
- One English language subject in the cluster area of “Human Nature, Relations and Development” with embedded English Reading and Writing Requirements

Service Learning (SL)/ Free Elective (1 subject, 3 credits)

Prior to full implementation of SL, students may take a 3-credit free elective in lieu of SL.

Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR) (75 credits)

A. First Two Years (8 subjects, 24 credits)

(i) *Associate in Applied Social Sciences* as exit award

Compulsory Subjects (3 subjects, 9 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Social Research

Elective Subjects (5 subjects, 15 credits)

Students are required to successfully complete 1 DSR elective subject selected from the following 5 subjects:

- Developmental Psychology
- Introduction to Social Services in Hong Kong
- Introduction to Social Work
- Sociology of Culture
- Introduction to Counselling for Social Services

In addition, students are required to successfully complete 4 DSR elective subjects selected from, observing any exclusion and pre-requisites/ co-requisites requirements, EITHER the pool of DSR compulsory subjects of the four specialisms, OR the pool of DSR elective subjects listed below

- Working with Groups, Communities and Organisations
- Working with Individuals and Families
- Social Welfare, Social Services and Social Policy in Hong Kong
- Social Welfare in Hong Kong
- Abnormal Psychology
- Community Field Study

- Globalisation and Development
- Issues in Hong Kong Society
- Policy, Welfare and Human Values
- Popular Culture and Consumption
- Practicum in Human Service Organisations
- Community Project with Innovative Approaches

(ii) Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Counselling for Social Services) as exit award

Compulsory Subjects (6 subjects, 18 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Human Behaviour and Social Environment Introduction to Counselling for Social Services Introduction to Psychology
- Guidance and Counselling
- Counselling Theories and Practice in a Contemporary World

Elective Subjects (2 subjects, 6 credits)

Students are required to successfully complete 2 DSR elective subjects selected from, observing any exclusion and pre-requisites/ co-requisites requirements, EITHER the pool of DSR compulsory subjects of other specialisms, OR the pool of DSR elective subjects listed below

- Introduction to Social Work
- Working with Groups, Communities and Organisations
- Working with Individuals and Families
- Social Welfare, Social Services and Social Policy in Hong Kong
- Social Welfare in Hong Kong
- Abnormal Psychology
- Community Field Study
- Globalisation and Development
- Issues in Hong Kong Society
- Policy, Welfare and Human Values
- Popular Culture and Consumption
- Practicum in Human Service Organisations
- Community Project with Innovative Approaches

(iii) Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Psychology) as exit award

Compulsory Subjects (7 subjects, 21 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Biological Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychology of Personality
- Introduction to Psychology

- Social Psychology
- Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology

Elective Subjects (1 subject, 3 credits)

Students are required to successfully complete 1 DSR elective subject selected from, observing any exclusion and pre-requisites/ co-requisites requirements, EITHER the pool of DSR compulsory subjects of other specialisms, OR the pool of DSR elective subjects listed below

- Introduction to Social Work
- Social Welfare, Social Services and Social Policy in Hong Kong
- Social Welfare in Hong Kong
- Abnormal Psychology
- Community Field Study
- Globalisation and Development
- Issues in Hong Kong Society
- Policy, Welfare and Human Values
- Popular Culture and Consumption
- Practicum in Human Service Organisations
- Community Project with Innovative Approaches

(iv) Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Social Policy and Administration) as exit award

Compulsory Subjects (7 subjects, 21 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Social Services in Hong Kong
- Social Policy in Hong Kong
- Introduction to Psychology
- Government and Public Administration
- Introduction to Social Research
- Management in Human Services

Elective Subjects (1 subject, 3 credits)

Students are required to successfully complete 1 DSR elective subject selected from, observing any exclusion and pre-requisites/ co-requisites requirements, EITHER the pool of DSR compulsory subjects of other specialisms, OR the pool of DSR elective subjects listed below

- Introduction to Social Work
- Social Welfare in Hong Kong
- Abnormal Psychology
- Community Field Study
- Globalisation and Development
- Issues in Hong Kong Society
- Policy, Welfare and Human Values
- Popular Culture and Consumption

- Practicum in Human Service Organisations
- Community Project with Innovative Approaches

(v) Associate in Applied Social Sciences (Sociology and Culture) as exit award

Compulsory Subjects (7 subjects, 21 credits)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Culture, Politics and Power
- Introduction to Sociological Theory
- Sociology of Culture
- Introduction to Psychology
- City Culture and Public Life
- Introduction to Social Research

Elective Subjects (1 subject, 3 credits)

Students are required to successfully complete 1 DSR elective subject selected from, observing any exclusion and pre-requisites/ co-requisites requirements, EITHER the pool of DSR compulsory subjects of other specialisms, OR the pool of DSR elective subjects listed below

- Introduction to Social Work
- Social Welfare, Social Services and Social Policy in Hong Kong
- Social Welfare in Hong Kong
- Abnormal Psychology
- Community Field Study
- Globalisation and Development
- Issues in Hong Kong Society
- Policy, Welfare and Human Values
- Popular Culture and Consumption
- Practicum in Human Service Organisations
- Community Project with Innovative Approaches

Table 1 – Full List of DSR Subjects in First Two Years

Subject Nature	Specialism	Subject Title	Pre- requisite	Exclusion
DSR Compulsory Subjects	Without Specific Specialism	Introduction to Psychology	Nil	SHDH2039
		Introduction to Sociology	Nil	SHDH2040
		Introduction to Social Research	Nil	SHDH3110
	Counselling for Social Services	Human Behaviour and Social Environment	SHDH2379	SHDH2189
		Introduction to Counselling for Social Services	Nil	Nil
		Guidance and Counselling	SHDH2192 or SHDH2370	Nil
		Counselling Theories and Practice in a Contemporary World	SHDH2192 or SHDH2370	Nil
	Psychology	Biological Psychology	SHDH2379	Nil
		Developmental Psychology	SHDH2379	SHDH2190
		Psychology of Personality	SHDH2379	Nil
		Social Psychology	SHDH2379	Nil
		Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology	SHDH2379	SHDH3106
	Social Policy and Administration	Introduction to Social Services in Hong Kong	Nil	SHDH2308
		Social Policy in Hong Kong	Nil	SHDH2308
		Government and Public Administration	Nil	Nil
		Introduction to Social Research	Nil	SHDH3110
		Management in Human Services	Nil	BHMH2004
	Sociology and Culture	Culture, Politics and Power	Nil	Nil
		Introduction to Sociological Theory	Nil	Nil
		Sociology of Culture	Nil	Nil
		City Culture and Public Life	Nil	Nil
		Introduction to Social Research	Nil	SHDH3110
	DSR Elective Subjects	All Programmes under the Scheme	Introduction to Social Work	Nil
Working with Groups, Communities and Organisations			SHDH2192 or SHDH2370	Nil
Working with Individuals and Families			SHDH2192 or SHDH2370	Nil
Social Welfare, Social Services and Social Policy in Hong Kong			Nil	SHDH2191 SHDH2195 SHDH3109
Social Welfare in Hong Kong			Nil	SHDH2308
Abnormal Psychology			SHDH2379	Nil
Community Field Study			Nil	Nil
Globalisation and Development			Nil	BHMH2006
Issues in Hong Kong Society			SHDH2036	Nil
Policy, Welfare and Human Values			Nil	Nil
Popular Culture and Consumption			SHDH1018	Nil
Practicum in Human Service Organisations			Nil	Nil
Community Project with Innovative Approaches			Nil	Nil

B. Final Two Years (17 subjects, 51 credits)

Scheme Compulsory Subjects (5 subjects, 15 credits)

- Advanced Academic Writing in English (Social Sciences Context)[^]
- Community Study
- Research Methods for Social Research
- Integrated Study (Social Sciences)
- Ethics and Sustainability[@]

[^] *Discipline-Specific Language Requirement (DSLRL) (English) subject*

[@] *Discipline-Specific Language Requirement (DSLRL) (Chinese) subject*

Award-specific Compulsory Subjects (6 subjects, 18 credits)

BSSc (Hons)

- Globalisation and Its Impact
- Social and Political Development in Hong Kong
- Urban Society and Urban Sustainability
- Public Policy Analysis
- Cultural Development and Cultural Policies
- Project Management in Human Services

BSSc (Hons) in Psychology

- Personality and Individual Differences
- Research Methods for Behavioural Sciences I
- Social Psychology
- Life-span Development
- Cognitive Psychology
- Neuropsychology

BSSc (Hons) in Social Policy and Management

- Government and Policy in Hong Kong
- Social and Economic Development in Hong Kong
- Public Sector Management
- Management of Social Enterprise
- Public Policy Analysis
- Programme Planning and Evaluation

Elective Subjects (6 subjects, 18 credits)

(Offering of any elective subjects is subject to sufficient enrolment.)

Students are required to take a total of six electives (3 credits each), at least three of which must be from their own specialism while the remaining three can be chosen from the following pool of electives of the three specialisms and the level 4 compulsory subjects of other specialisms.

General Social Sciences (GEN)

- Gender, Sexualities and Human Societies
- Bodies in Social Perspective
- Critical Age Studies
- Critical Youth Work and Practice

Psychology (PSY)

- Positive Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology[#]
- Consumer Psychology
- Research Methods for Behavioural Sciences II[#]

[#] *Subjects required for the application for membership of The Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS), along with other conditions as required by the HKPS.*

Social Policy and Management (SPM)

- Contemporary Social Issues
- Legal Aspects of Human Services
- Policy Advocacy
- Social Impact Measurement