FAQ about the Requirements for Major / Minor Fulfillment

Scenario A: I would like to pursue a major in psychology which requires 96 credits.
Question 1: What courses can I choose as disciplinary elective?

Answer 1: For psychology major, only courses with prefix “PSYC” can count as disciplinary elective. They can be level 2000-, 3000- or 4000- courses, except PSYC2060. However, no courses can be double counted. For example, students are required to take 2 courses out of 3 courses from the First Stream (i.e. PSYC2007, PSYC2022 & PSYC2051). If the 2 courses (e.g. PSYC2007 & PSYC2022) are used to fulfill the requirement of the First Stream, they cannot be used to fulfill the requirement of the Disciplinary Elective. However, you may consider to use the last course from the First Stream (e.g. PSYC2051) to fulfill the requirement of Disciplinary Elective. This also applies to the courses from the Second Stream.

Scenario B: I intend to declare a major in psychology plus a second major of cognitive science.
Question 1: How would PSYC1001 be counted?

Answer 1: No courses can be double counted. The course PSYC1001 will be used to fulfill the requirement of introductory disciplinary course for the 1st major in psychology while students have to take any 2 courses from COMP1117/ LING1000/ LING2034/ PHIL1012 to fulfill requirement of introductory disciplinary course for the 2nd major in cognitive science.

Question 2: How many pre-requisite courses do I have to take from the 6 units in social sciences?

Answer 2: For double majors in psychology and cognitive science, students have to complete a total of 24 credits to fulfill the pre-requisites requirements (equivalent to 4 introductory courses). The introductory pre-requisite courses should be taken from two different departments within one single major. It will be fine if you take two different pre-requisite courses from the same department in two different major requirements. Here is a doable example for reference:

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Question 3:
Is there any way that I can check how many credits I have already completed in each major?
Answer 3:
Students can check the Degree Audit Report which is available at the SIS for details about requirements that have been satisfied and also those requirements that are still outstanding. Please see the User Guide here (HKU portal login required).

Scenario C: I am a non-BSocSc student and I declared psychology as a second major. To fulfill I am required to take 24 credits of courses listed under the Faculty of Social Sciences syllabuses, including the social sciences and non-social sciences courses.”

Question 1:
What courses can I choose to fulfill the Social Innovation and Global Citizenship requirement?

Answer 1:
All free-electives courses at advanced level can fulfill the Social Innovation and Global Citizenship requirement. Students are strongly advised to check with the course offering units about the course level (Introductory or advanced) since the Department is not the appropriate unit to define the course level for non-psychology courses.

Question 2:
Can I take FOSS2018 or FOSS2019?

Answer 2:
Please visit the Faculty Website https://www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc/internships/non-foss-internship/. For further queries, please contact the Faculty of Social Sciences (email to: socscug@hku.hk) directly.