THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Recommended Study Pathways for Undergraduate Programmes offered by the Department
for the 2025-2026 cohort

Students in this curriculum may choose to major in one of the five core disciplines: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Social Policy and Social Development, and Sociology. Students may also opt for a double major in multidisciplinary options such as Cognitive Science, Counselling, Criminology, Media and Cultural Studies, Neuroscience, Psychology, Urban Governance and other majors offered by the University. Students can choose to combine a major with one or two minors.

	UG5 requirement				**Disciplinary major**								**Free electives / other major / minor**		**Sub-total**
	Common Core courses	**No. of credits**	**Language Courses**	**No. of credits**	1st Major in Psychology (for BPsych students)	**No. of credits**	**2nd Major in Psychology (for non-BPsych students)[a]**	**No. of credits**	**2nd Major in Cognitive Science**	**No. of credits**	**2nd Major in Neuroscience**	**No. of credits**	**Free Electives**	**No. of credits**	**Yearly enrolled no. of credits**
Year I	6 Common Core courses[3]	36	English CAES1001 Academic Communication in English Chinese CUND9001 or CUND9002 or CUND9003 or CUND9004 (for Putonghua speaking students only) Artificial intelligence literacy AILT1001 Artificial Intelligence Literacy I	- 0-6 3	2 Introductory discipline courses PSYC1001 and PSYC1004	12	2 Introductory discipline courses PSYC1001 and PSYC1004	12	2 Introductory discipline courses PSYC1001 and *ONE from the list below:* *COMP 1117 or LING1000 or LING2034 or PHIL1012* *(For Psychology major students, you need to take an extra 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective to replace PSYC1001.)*	12	Introductory discipline course PSYC1001 *(For BPsych students, you need to take an extra 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective to replace PSYC1001.)*	0-6	Free Elective course 1. For students with 2nd major (72 credits), they should take 18 credits of free electives courses; 2. For students with a minor (36 credits), they should take 54 credits of free electives courses; 3. For students without 2nd major or minor, they should take 78 credits of free electives courses.	78	
					1 Introductory pre-requisites course[3] and 1 Advanced core course	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses[3]	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses[3]	12	2 Introductory pre-requisites courses from the list below[6] , 1) pre-requisites of BIOL3105[a] 2) pre-requisites of BBMS3011[b] 3) pre-requisite of BBMS2003[c] 4) pre-requisite of BMED3501[d] 5) pre-requisite of PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience (for non-psychology major students only) [e] 6) other introductory courses from any faculties[f] (Non-BSocSc students must take PSYC1004 as one of the introductory pre-requisite courses.)	12			
Sub-total				**3-9**		**24**		**24**		**24**		**12-18**			**60**
Year II			English in the Discipline course CAES9921 or CAES9922 or CAES9923 or CAES9930 Chinese CSSC9001 Practical Chinese for Social Sciences Students (for Cantonese speaking students) Artificial intelligence literacy AILT9017 Digital Literacy Through a Social Sciences Lens	6-12 3	3 Advanced core courses	18	3 Advanced core courses	18	Advanced core course PSYC2066[8]	6	2 Advanced core courses PSYC2101 and PSYC2103	12				
					Global Citizenship Requirement[5]	12			1 Advanced disciplinary elective course	6	1 Advanced disciplinary electives listed under "First Stream" and/or "Second Stream[7]"	6			
Sub-total						**30**		**18**		**12**		**18**			**60**
Year III					2 Advanced core courses and 1 Advanced disciplinary elective course	18	3 Advanced core courses	18	Advanced core course PSYC2067[8]	6	2 Advanced core courses PSYC2111 AND PSYC3054	12			
					Social Innovation Requirement[5]	12			2 Advanced disciplinary elective courses	12	2 Advanced disciplinary electives listed under "First Stream" and/or "Second Stream[7]"	12			
Sub-total		**36**		**9-15**		**30**		**18**		**18**		**24**			**60**
Year IV	UGRE1001 Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law	-			2 Advanced disciplinary elective courses	12	1 Advanced disciplinary **elective** course	6	2 Advanced disciplinary elective courses	12	Advanced disciplinary elective listed under "First Stream" or "Second Stream[7]" *(2 courses for Psyhology major students while 1 course for non-Psychology major students)*	6-12			
					Capstone Experience Option 1: PSYC3051 or PSYC3052 or PSYC3053 or PSYC3054 or PSYC3061 or PSYC3064 or PSYC3068 Plus One Experiential Learning Project (PSYC4010 or PSYC4011) OR Option 2: PSYC4007 or PSYC4008 or PSYC4009	12	Capstone Experience PSYC3051 or PSYC3052 or PSYC3053 or PSYC3054 or PSYC3061 or PSYC3064 or PSYC3068	6	Capstone Experience PSYC4068	6	Capstone Experience PSYC3061 or PSYC3068 or PSYC4102	6			
Sub-total		**0**		**0**		**24**		**12**		**18**		**12-18**		**90**	**60**
Total		36		18		84		72		72		72		90	**240**

Remarks

1. The programme syllabuses are available at the Faculty website at http://www.socsc.hku.hk/reg
2. Each course carries 6 credits, unless specified otherwise.
3. Students are requested to select not more than two courses from each area of inquiry.
4. Students are requested to choose the introductory pre-requisites courses offered by the core departments under the Faculty, excluding your major department. Please refer to the BPsych/BSocSc programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.
5. BPsych students are requested to complete 12 credits of Social Innovation Requirement and 12 credits of Global Citizenship Requirement.
   FOSS2018 Social Innovation internship (12 credits) or PSYC2075 Field placement;
   FOSS2019 Global Citizenship internship (12 credits), or a combination of two 6-credit endorsed experiential learning courses, or undertake 12 credits of advanced courses on exchange studies or on an overseas summer programme approved by the Faculty.
6. Students should bear in mind the pre-requisite requirements for courses listed in the "Disciplinary Electives" (See below courses), and take the relevant requisite courses as necessary. Students are reminded to take note that you may need to use 6 to 18 credits for taking relevant pre-requisite(s) which are counted as free elective(s) outside neuroscience curriculum. However, if you have already completed the pre-requisite(s) concerned at you first major, the implication of pre-requisite requirements in Neuroscience Major on students' course selection and study load would be minimized.
   a) Pre-requisites of BIOL3105: BIOL2103/BIOL2220/BIOC2600/MEDE2301 [(Pre-requisites of BIOL2103&BIOL2220: BIOL1110) & (Pre-requisite of BIOC2600: BIOC1600/BIOL1110/ENGG1207/BMED1207)]
   b) Pre-requisites of BBMS3011: BBMS1001/BIOL1110/BIOC2600/BIOL2220/BMED2302/PSYC2101/PSYC2110 [(Pre-requisite of BIOC2600: BIOC1600/BIOL1110/ENGG1207/BMED1207) & (Pre-requisite of BIOL2220: BIOL1110]
   c) Pre-requisite of BBMS2003: BBMS1001/BIOC1600
   d) Pre-requisite of BMED3501: BMED2500/ELEC3241
   e) Pre-requisites of PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience: PSYC2060# and PSYC2101-Foundation of neuroscience (Pre-requisites of PSYC2060: PSYC1001 and PSYC1004)
   [#A waiver on pre-requisite course (PSYC2060) will be granted for students taking [PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience] if the students have taken similar research methods course in their first major (equivalent to PSYC2060). Students shall approach the Department of Psychology for application.]
   f) Students must complete two prerequisite courses at the introductory level, and the taking of such courses is subject to academic advising and prior approval of the Department of Psychology. First and foremost, these 12 credits must be utilized to fulfill the prerequisite requirements of "Disciplinary Electives", and also to ensure that all components of the major are academically coherent.
7. For selection of disciplinary electives, students should select at least one course that is not from the Department of Psychology. Each course carries 6 credits, however, if students take PSYC4101 Thesis in neuroscience, the course carries 12 credits
8. The core courses PSYC2066 and PSYC2067 will be offered in alternating years. Students may take the core courese PSYC2066 in Year III and PSYC2067 in Year IV, subject to the course offering.
9. For BSocSc students majoring in Psychology, please refer to the BPsych programme syllabus at the Faculty website for detailed requirements.

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