FAQs on Capstone Requirement

1. **Is capstone requirement a mandatory requirement for graduation?**

   Yes. All students must take at least one capstone course to fulfill the graduation requirements. The credit requirement of capstone experience for each major may, however, be different and details can be found in the syllabuses https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry.

2. **What are the capstone courses in each major/programme?**

   The capstone courses in each major/programme may be different but a range of courses (e.g. research project, seminar, field work, internship or capstone project) is offered to suit individual student's needs and interests. Check the Faculty website https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry?frmid=MenuE for the capstone courses available in each major/programme.

3. **What are the pre-requisites of the capstone courses?**

   The general requirements for the capstone courses are a pass of at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or above) disciplinary core/elective courses in the major/programme. Each capstone course may have different pre-requisites.

4. **What is the earliest time that I can take the capstone course?**

   Capstone experience is an integral part of the major/professional core programme which focuses on integration and application of knowledge and skills gained in the early years of study. The capstone course is normally taken in the senior years (Year 3 or 4) of study. The earliest that a student is allowed to take a capstone course is their Year 3 study, subject to the fulfillment of the pre-requisites.

5. **Can the capstone requirement for my second major be waived?**

   If a student takes the second major in Science and the capstone experience in the first major / professional core programme requires the integration or application of knowledge from both the first major / professional core programme and second major, he/she may apply for exemption from taking a capstone course in the second (Science) major. In this case, students have to complete the application form which can be downloaded from https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4 and seek the written endorsement from the Major Coordinator of both the first major / professional core programme and the second major (contact details can be found at the back of the application form) and then return it to the Faculty Office for approval by the deadline of course selection or add/drop periods. If such application is approved, students have to take a 6-credit advanced level disciplinary elective course in the second (Science) major to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.