FAQs on Course Selection

1. **When and where can I get the updated major/minor/course information?**

   The most up-to-date Science programme/major/minor/course information can be obtained from the Faculty of Science website (https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current/bsc/curriculum/syllabuses). Regarding the Science course information for the next academic year, they will be available on Science web in late July / early August.

   You may also find the full list of majors/minors of the University and the respective requirements from the website of Academic Advising Office at http://aoao.hku.hk/plan-of-study/major-and-minor/. Details of the non-Science courses and majors/minors should be provided by the offering Faculty/Department. You are advised to contact the relevant Faculty/Department for further information.

2. **How can I get the updated course selection schedules?**

   All the important dates for the Course Selection Exercise throughout this academic year have been clearly stated in your Student Handbook on the Faculty of Science website (https://www.scifac.hku.hk/) and at the following link:
   https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current/advising/bsc/handbook (for both BSc & BSc(AC) students)

   You are strongly advised to check from the Faculty website.

3. **Should I select courses for both the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} semesters during the course selection period in August?**

   You should select courses you will enroll in for both the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} semesters during the course selection period in August if you have met the course pre-requisites and there is no timetable clash with other selected courses.

   You are allowed to change your selected courses during the course add/drop period, i.e. the first two weeks after the start of each semester. Please note that all the important dates for the Course Selection Exercise throughout the year have been clearly stated in your Student Handbook on web (https://www.scifac.hku.hk/). You are strongly advised to check them from the Faculty website.

4. **If I have any queries about my course/major/minor selection and wish to obtain the special approval for taking Science courses, whom should I contact?**

   If you have query about course/major/minor selection and/or need to obtain any special approval for taking your intended Science course(s), please contact the Course Selection Adviser(s) of Science Programme/Major/Minor concerned for advice. Their contact details can be found at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current/advising/bsc/cs-advisers.

   For technical problems, you may contact the ITS Service Desk through one of the following channels for assistance:

   - In person: 1/F, Library Building (Old Wing)
   - Phone: 3917 0123
   - Email: ithelp@hku.hk
   - Live chat: Click the live chat button at http://www.its.hku.hk/service-desk
5. **How can I enroll in courses that require special approval?**

If you wish to select course(s) in the following scenarios:

- you have not met the pre-requisites of the course (scenario #1)
- there are timetable clashes with other selected course(s) (scenario #2)
- the course cannot be found in the optional course list for online selection (scenario #3)

you have to seek the written approval from the Course Selection Adviser (CSA) of the course offering department(s) ([https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current/advising/bsc/cs-advisers)](https://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current/advising/bsc/cs-advisers) on the Course Approval Form ([downloadable from the Faculty website](https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4)) and submit the duly signed form* to the Faculty Office during the course selection or add/drop period. Our staff will then add the course(s) for you online.

You are also reminded that:

(a) should you wish to select courses with timetable clash (scenario #2 refers), you need to seek approval from the CSAs of both courses (if the courses are offered by the same school/department, then one signature is enough); and

(b) granting of course approval in the above-mentioned scenarios #1 - #3 does not guarantee that you can successfully enroll in your intended course. When the number of students applying for the ‘quota’ course exceeds the quota, seats will be allocated by the computer ballot system. Remember to keep checking your enrollment status online during the course selection or add/drop period.

*Note: For any student who wishes to seek special approval for taking courses offered by the School of Biological Sciences (e.g. BIOL courses), you need to submit the form directly to the School of Biological Sciences Office by the application deadline.

6. **How can I drop the course during the course selection or add/drop period if an error is found in the SIS stating that ‘Consent is needed to drop from the class. The drop transaction was not processed.’?**

Some courses are set with ‘Drop Consent’ on the system by the course offering Faculty/Department. If you wish to drop such kind of course online, you need to first seek the electronic/written approval from the course offering Faculty/Department and then forward it (full set of email communication/approval letter) to the Faculty of Science Office during the course selection or add/drop period for assistance. Our staff will then drop the course for you.

7. **Can I submit the Course Approval Form by email?**

The Course Approval Form is downloadable from the Faculty website ([https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4](https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4)) during the course selection and add/drop periods. Students who wish to seek special approval for taking the course need to approach the Course Selection Adviser of the course offering department and seek his/her written approval for taking the course on the Course Approval Form.

If you are out of Hong Kong during the course selection period in August, you may submit the completed Course Approval Form, via email, to the Faculty and attach with it the electronic approval from the Course Selection Adviser concerned (in this case, full set of email communications need to be
provided) within the course selection period. If you miss the Course Selection Period in August, you should submit the signed Course Approval Form in person to the Faculty Office during the course add/drop period. However, please note that if the course quota is full, the Faculty cannot add the course for you beyond the quota.

(Note: For any student who wishes to seek special approval for taking courses offered by the School of Biological Sciences (e.g. BIOL courses), you need to submit the form directly to the School of Biological Sciences Office by the application deadline.)

8. Is it necessary to re-take a failed course?

If (a) the failed course is the disciplinary core (must take) course in your intended major/minor or (b) it is the pre-requisite course of the subsequent/advanced level course you wish to take, you should retake and pass it. Otherwise, you are not required to re-take the failed course.

9. When and how can I select course in the summer semester?

Non-final year students may select summer course(s) online during the 2nd semester and summer semester add/drop periods.

Final year students who will graduate in the coming June/July are not allowed to take any course (including internship) in the summer semester.

For final year students who are in short of a few credits for graduation after taking into account of their 2nd semester examination results, they may be specially allowed, on application, to take summer course(s) in order to fulfill the outstanding graduation requirements, subject to the resolution of the Board of Examiners.

10. Do I need to take any replacement course if the disciplinary core (‘must take’) courses in double majors or major-minor or double minors are mutually exclusive?

Yes, you need to submit your application letter for course exemption and replacement, with the written endorsement from the Course Selection Adviser(s) of the Science Major(s)/Minor(s) concerned, to the Faculty Office for approval during the course selection or add/drop period.

Please note that the replacement course should be the disciplinary elective in the 2nd major/minor concerned and have the same prefix and at the same or higher level as the course to be replaced.

11. Can I take another course to replace the course required in my major/minor due to timetable clashes / outgoing exchange study / my own interest?

You have to take and pass all the required courses as prescribed in the declared major/minor curriculum for graduation. You cannot take another course to replace the course required in your intended major/minor in order to suit your own study plan.

We may, however, consider any application for taking a replacement course only if:

(a) the disciplinary course is a disciplinary core course (must take) in the Science Major/Minor and is obsolete in the current academic year; or

(b) the same disciplinary core (must take) course appears in two or more Science majors/minors; or
12. If the exempted course (e.g., Course A) is the prerequisite for the advanced level course I wish to take (e.g., Course B), will the SIS recognize its approved replacement course so as to meet the pre-requisite of Course B for online course selection?

Even you have been approved to take another course as a replacement for Course A, the SIS would still bar you from selecting Course B online as you have not actually met its prerequisite. In this connection, you need to seek the special approval from the relevant Course Selection Adviser of offering department/school on the Course Approval Form and submit it to the Faculty Office during the course selection or add/drop period. Our staff will then add the course for you.

(Note: For any student who wishes to seek special approval for taking courses offered by the School of Biological Sciences (e.g., BIOL courses), you need to submit the form directly to the School of Biological Sciences Office by the application deadline.)

13. Can I double-count the credits of course required in double majors or major-minor or double minors? What can I do if overlapping course requirements in two majors / major-minor / two minor occur?

Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible with (a) double majors or (b) professional core and major. The double-counted courses in both Science majors must include SCNC1111 and SCNC1112. Additional credits to be double-counted must be for courses required (‘disciplinary core’) by both majors. For cases with 24 or less double-counted credits, the student must make up an equivalent number of credits by taking other courses offered by any Faculty.

(a) The following list shows the major-major combinations that have more than 24 credits of the same ‘disciplinary core’ courses that appear in both majors and is subject to the rule of double counting:

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<td>2013, 2014</td>
<td>6 (36 credits)</td>
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<td>Major in Biochemistry Major in Chemistry</td>
<td>2015, 2016, 2017</td>
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<td>2013, 2014</td>
<td>5 (30 credits)</td>
<td>1 (6 credits)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Major in Biological Sciences Major in Ecology &amp; Biodiversity</td>
<td>All years</td>
<td>7 (42 credits)</td>
<td>3 (18 credits)</td>
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If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (‘disciplinary core’) in both the first (‘Major 1’) and second (‘Major 2’) majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) in the second major (‘Major 2’). The replacement course(s) must be the disciplinary elective course(s) in the second major (‘Major 2’) and have the same prefix and at the same or higher level as the double-counted course(s). **The double counted credits should count the following courses in this order: (1) SCNC1111 and SCNC1112, (2) introductory level (levels 1 and 2) courses, and (3) advanced level (level 3 or above) courses.** For example, if a student takes a first major in Ecology & Biodiversity (‘Major 1’) and a second major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (‘Major 2’), SCNC1111, SCNC1112, BIOL1110, BIOL2102 and BIOL2103 are the common ‘disciplinary core’ courses that appear in both majors. The first 3 courses SCNC1111, SCNC1112, and BIOL1110 would first be counted plus either BIOL2102 or BIOL2103 for the major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology. The student has to take a replacement ‘disciplinary elective’ course (with a prefix of BIOL at level 2 or above) in the 2nd major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to make up for BIOL2102 or BIOL2103.

(b) Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. When a course is required (‘disciplinary core’) both by the major and minor or by both minors, the student must take a replacement course for the minor. The replacement course must be the disciplinary elective in the minor and have the same prefix and at the same or higher level as the course to be replaced.

(c) For students taking the Mathematics related majors/minors should note the following exemption and replacement arrangement:
Students who fall into the following exemption situation for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses in Science Majors/Minors are required to take the specified replacement course(s) as prescribed in the table below:

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| MATH1013 University mathematics II | For students taking Minor with an overlap of Disciplinary Core Course :
  
  MATH1013 | Select 6 credits from the following to replace MATH1013:
  
  - Any 6-credit level 2 or above Mathematics Disciplinary Elective chosen from the Programme/Major/Minor structure in which MATH1013 is the disciplinary core course
  
  - MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis (6) |
| MATH1851 and MATH1853 (which are together deemed equivalent to MATH1013) | For students taking Programme/Major/Minor with Disciplinary Core Courses :
  
  MATH1851 and MATH1853 (which are together deemed equivalent to MATH1013) | |
| MATH1821 (which is equivalent to MATH1013) | For students taking Professional Core in Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science with Disciplinary Core Course :
  
  MATH1821 (which is equivalent to MATH1013) | |
| MATH2014 Multivariable calculus and linear algebra | For students taking Professional Core in Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science with Disciplinary Core Course :
  
  MATH2014 Multivariable calculus and linear algebra | Select 6 credits from the following to replace MATH2014:
  
  - MATH2012 Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
  
  - MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)
  
  - Any 6-credit advanced level Mathematics Disciplinary Elective chosen from the Major/Minor structure in which MATH2014 is the disciplinary core course |
| MATH2822 (which is equivalent to MATH2014) | |
| MATH2101 Linear algebra I | For students taking Minor with an overlap of Disciplinary Core Course :
  
  MATH2101 | Select 6 credits from the following to replace MATH2101:
  
  - MATH2012 Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
  
  - MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)
  
  - Any 6-credit advanced level Mathematics Disciplinary Elective chosen from the Minor structure in which MATH2101 is the disciplinary core course |
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MATH2211 Multivariable calculus | For students taking Minor with an overlap of Disciplinary Core Course: **MATH2211** | Select **6 credits** from the following to replace MATH2211:
- MATH2012 Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
- MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)
- Any 6-credit advanced level Mathematics Disciplinary Elective chosen from the Minor structure in which MATH2211 is the disciplinary core course

18 credits of Introductory level courses requirement of the Minor: MATH1013, MATH2101, MATH2211 | For students taking Professional Core in Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science with Disciplinary Core Courses: **MATH1821 and MATH2822** (which are together deemed to have satisfied MATH1013, MATH2101 & MATH2211) | Select **18 credits** from the following to replace the credit requirement of MATH1013, MATH2101 & MATH2211:
- MATH2012 Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6) *(if not the disciplinary core course in the structure)*; and/or
- MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis (6) *(if not the disciplinary core course in the structure)*; and/or
- Equivalent credits of advanced level Mathematics Disciplinary Elective(s) chosen from the Major/Minor structure in which MATH1013, MATH2101 & MATH2211 are the disciplinary core courses

(d) For the situations of (a), (b) and (c) above, students have to complete the application form, seek the written endorsement from the Course Selection Adviser of the second major (‘Major 2’) / minor and then return it to the Faculty Office by the closing dates of course selection or add/drop periods.

(e) You may also refer to the section ‘Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements’ at https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry.

14. **How will the credit load be counted for full-year course in each semester?**

The credit load of a year-long (full semester) course is equally divided into two semesters in the system.

15. **Can I take course load deviating from the normal load?**

The normal course load is 60 credits a year for your normative period of study. You may take up to 72 credits of courses (including summer semester courses and internship courses) in a year, with no fewer than 24, nor more than 36 credits in the first or second semester (except in the last semester of study
when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirement is fewer than 24 credits).

If you wish to take fewer than 24 or more than 36 credits of courses in the first/second semester or take fewer than 60 or more than 72 credits in a year (Summer courses are counted for the 72 credits course limit), you are required to submit the form ‘Application for Taking Course Load Deviating from Normal Load’ (downloadable at
https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4), with the written endorsement from the Chief Course Selection Adviser of your primary science major / programme, to the Faculty Office for approval by the application deadline.

Student in the first year are, however, not allowed to take more than 72 credits of courses.

16. Can I take courses more than the maximum curriculum study load for my normative period of study in order to fulfill the course requirements of the second major / minor / accredited path / VEE?

The normal course load is 60 credits a year for your normative period of study. You may take up to 72 credits of courses (including summer semester courses) in a year, with no fewer than 24, nor more than 36 credits in the first or second semester. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, you may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 288 credits (with inclusive of those advanced standing credits and/or transferred credits granted, if any) for the normative period of study specified in the curriculum regulations, save as provided for under Sc5(f) (for BSc students) / AS5(e) (for BSc(ActuarSc) students).

In other words, you cannot take more than 288 credits for the normative period of study in order to fulfill the course requirements of your declared second major / minor / accredited path / VEE.

17. How will my maximum credit limit be calculated beyond the normative study period?

If you fail to fulfill the course requirement of the primary science major and/or other graduation requirements, you will not be eligible for graduation. The number of course credits you are allowed to take beyond your normative study period should not be greater than those required to pass for graduation, plus a maximum of 12 credits.

18. How many Common Core (CC) courses can I take within one academic year and during the whole period of study?

Students of 4-year curriculum are required to complete 36 credits of courses in the Common Core (CC) Curriculum, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry with not more than 24 credits of courses being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits.

Common Core courses should be completed normally within the first three years of study and cannot be extra taken as free electives.
19. Can I be exempted from taking the Core University English (CAES1000) and/or English in the Discipline course (CAES9820)? If not, can I apply for defer taking CAES1000 and CAES9820 in order to suit my own study plan?

Students are required to respectively take CAES1000 Core University English (CUE) and CAES9820 Academic English for Science Students in their first and second years of study. You are not permitted to defer taking CAES1000 and CAES9820, unless under very special circumstances (such as granting of leave of absence for the whole academic year).

If you have been admitted to Year 1 in 2018-19 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications, you are exempted from the CUE requirement, and Core University English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take an elective course in lieu:

- Level 5 or above in English Language in the HKDSE
- holder of a Bachelor’s degree from an English-medium university
- achieved Grade A or above in English Language GCE Advanced Level (AL) / Advanced Subsidiary Level (ASL)
- achieved an overall IELTS score of no less than 7 AND with all sub-scores no less than 6.5 on the Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing Tests
- achieved an overall TOEFL Internet-based test score of no less than 94 AND no less than a 24 on the writing, a 20 on the speaking, a 20 on the listening, AND a 19 on the reading sections
- achieved in International Baccalaureate (IB) Grade 4 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL)
- achieved Grade 4 or above on the Advanced Placement (AP) English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition Test
- achieved a NEW Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 35 or above on both the Writing & Language Test and Reading Test (from 2016)
- achieved Grade B or above in H1 General Paper at the Singapore GCE A-level
- achieved Grade A or better in English language at Malaysia SPM examination
- achieved Grade A2 or better in Malaysia UEC-Senior English Language
- attained merit (3 points) or above in each set of credits in New Zealand NCEA Literacy (10 credits made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing)
- achieved a score of 95% or better in English at All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Higher School Certificate
- achieved a final score of 90% or better in English at Grade 12 Canadian high school curriculum
- achieved Grade B or better in English Language at Sri Lanka Ordinary examination
- achieved a score of 90 or better in English in the Russian Unified State Exam (Единый государственный экзамен, ЕГЭ, Yediniy gosudarstvenniy ekzamen, EGE)
- Academic Speaking and Writing test conducted by CAES for students who have not taken any of the above tests
  - When applying to take the Academic Speaking and Writing Test, students should provide evidence to the home Faculty and the CAES1000 Course Coordinator that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications other than those included in the above list.
  - Applicants are required to show the evidence of those other qualifications to the assessor on the day of the Academic Speaking and Writing Test.
  - If any applicants failed to provide any evidence that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications other than those included in the above list provided by CAES, the CAES assessor has the rights not to allow the applicant to take the test.
For students admitted to the first year in 2017-18 or before, exemption from the CUE requirement, if applicable, has already been granted in your first year of study. Any application for CUE exemption made in subsequent year of studies will not be entertained, even if you haven’t successfully completed CUE in your first year.

However, please note that students with whatsoever qualifications will not be granted an exemption from taking the English in the Discipline course (CAES9820).

20. **Can I be exempted from the Chinese enhancement requirement under the 4-year curriculum?**

If you have not studied Chinese language during your secondary education / have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take CSCI9001, you should apply to the Faculty Office to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement by submitting the completed form ‘Application for Exemption from Taking Chinese Language Course’ by the application deadline specified in your Student Handbook. Please note that the blank form can be downloaded from the Faculty website (https://webapp.science.hku.hk/student/servlet/download?year=4).

If exempted, you should take an elective course (6 credits) offered by any Faculty in lieu.

21. **Can I (as a Putonghua-speaking student) take CUND9002 or CUND9003 to satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement under the 4-year curriculum? If yes, can I take the course in my first or second year of study?**

To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should take and pass the 6-credit course CSCI9001 (Practical Chinese for science students) in their third year of study, except for Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003 (Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students).

Putonghua-speaking students may take CUND9002/CUND9003 in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish.

22. **Can I enroll in any course during the approved leave period?**

No, you are not permitted to enroll in any course (including internship) at HKU during your approved leave period.

23. **Can I repeat a course for upgrading purpose?**

No. You are not permitted to repeat a course for which you have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.

24. **If I have difficulty in accessing the course information via Moodle, who should I contact?**

You are advised to consult the course offering department for immediate advice.

25. **Can I drop the course after the course add/drop period?**

You are not allowed to drop any course after the course add/drop period, unless under very special circumstances (such as medical reasons).

In the event of a student requesting to add or drop a course after the course add/drop period, the Science Faculty has the final authority to consider if such request can be entertained.
26. How to select a course in SIS?

Before selecting any course in SIS, please view the “Quick Guide on Course Selection and Enrollment” posted on the SIS at http://intraweb.hku.hk/reserved_1/sis_student/sis/reference-materials/Quick_Guide_on_Course_Selection_and_Enrollment.pdf for information. Not all the courses listed in program guide can be used to fulfill the curriculum of your declared Science major(s) and/or minor(s). You are strongly advised to select the radio button for “Show Requirement Details” at the top of your program guide to view the information you should take note of before selecting your desired courses.

27. Can all the courses listed in the SIS - program guide (SIS – Enrollment – Enrollment Add Classes) for online course selection fulfill the requirement of my declared Science major(s) and/or minor(s)?

The program guide in SIS will list out all the courses you can take in the selected semester. Before selecting any course in SIS, please view the “Quick Guide on Course Selection and Enrollment” posted on the SIS at http://intraweb.hku.hk/reserved_1/sis_student/sis/reference-materials/Quick_Guide_on_Course_Selection_and_Enrollment.pdf for information.

Please note that NOT all the courses listed there can be used to fulfill the curriculum of your declared Science major(s) and/or minor(s). You are strongly advised to select the radio button for “Show Requirement Details” at the top of your program guide before selecting your desired courses. By choosing “Show Requirement Details”, you will then view the reminders that:

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Not all the courses listed below can be used to fulfill the curriculum of the <Science major/minor>. Select only those courses according to the curriculum structure of this <Science major/minor>. Please click here to view the curriculum structure of this <Science major/minor>.

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The link provided in the program guide will then direct you to the curriculum of your declared Science major/minor according to your intake year. Please note that the curriculum checking for graduation will only base on the curriculum structures of Science majors and minors at https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry to check whether you can fulfill the course requirement of your declared Science major(s) and/or minor(s).

Should you have any query about the fulfillment of course requirement of any Science major/minor, you are strongly advised to visit https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry for the updated syllabuses. If you are still in doubt about the fulfillment of course requirement of your intended/declared Science major/minor, you are strongly advised to contact the relevant Course Selection Adviser and/or the Faculty of Science Office for timely advice.